

Sunday, January 18, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

L 65-B

READING I

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD
where the ark of God was.

The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am."

Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep."

So he went back to sleep.

Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.

"Here I am," he said. "You called me."

But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD,

because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet.

The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time.

Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me."

Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.

So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply,

Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."

When Samuel went to sleep in his place,

the LORD came and revealed his presence,

calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him,

not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R⁷. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

All: **R⁷. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

R⁷. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

R⁷. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

R⁷. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R⁷. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

READING II

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Your bodies are members of Christ.

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,
and the Lord is for the body;
God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.
Avoid immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,
but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body
is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been purchased at a price.

Therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

∇. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

∇. We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.

John was standing with two of his disciples,
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God.”

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.
Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,
“What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi”—which translated means Teacher—,
“where are you staying?”

He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter,

was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,

“We have found the Messiah”—which is translated Christ—.

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

“You are Simon the son of John;
you will be called Cephas”—which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Monday, January 19, 2009

Next Sunday, January 25, we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the first announcement by beloved Pope John XXIII of his intention to summon the Second Vatican Council. Fifty years ago, on January 25, 1959, Pope John first spoke the words "Ecumenical Council" to the College of Cardinals, words that were "like a flash of heavenly light, shedding sweetness in eyes and hearts and giving rise to a great fervor throughout the world in expectation of the holding of the Council." Inspired by his pastoral experience, the Holy Father decided it was time to do exactly what Jesus says in today's gospel, namely, to "pour new wine into fresh wineskins." In his opening speech to the Council on October 11, 1962, Pope John said, "We feel we must disagree with those prophets of doom, who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand. In the present order of things, Divine Providence is leading us to a new order of human relations which are directed toward the fulfillment of God's superior and inscrutable designs." In his prayer to the Holy Spirit for the success of the Council, Pope John prayed, "Renew thy wonders in this day, as by a new Pentecost." The flame of that new Pentecost will be rekindled as long as today's Catholics reacquaint themselves with the new life and spirit of the Second Vatican Council that fulfill God's promise: "The old order has passed away. Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:4-5).

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

L 311-I

READING I

Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men

and made their representative before God,

to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,

for he himself is beset by weakness

and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself

as well as for the people.

No one takes this honor upon himself

but only when called by God,

just as Aaron was.

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GOSPEL

Mark 2:18-22

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The bridegroom is with them.

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast.
People came to Jesus and objected,

“Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees
fast,

but your disciples do not fast?”

Jesus answered them,

“Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?

As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.

But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from
them,

and then they will fast on that day.

No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak.

If he does, its fullness pulls away,

the new from the old, and the tear gets worse.

Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins.

Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins,

and both the wine and the skins are ruined.

Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins.”

The Gospel of the Lord.