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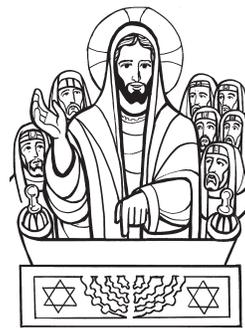
NATIONAL BIBLE SUNDAY

The Power and Relevance Today of God's Word

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the longest period in the Liturgical Year. Last Sunday we admired the pre-adolescent Jesus as the youngest “teacher of Israel,” shining among the renowned “rabbis” in the Temple. Today we see him as the fulfillment of God’s promises.

The content of God’s Word offers us guidance and encouragement today, no less than it did in the history of the people of Israel. Its vital message is ever relevant. God’s Word is always capable of producing wonders. But for this to become a reality, our cooperation is indispensable. This starts with a sincere effort to know it through personal reflection and assimilation. Then, it has to be applied and lived out, day by day in the different challenges and opportunities that life offers.

As St. James reminds us, we must be “doers of the Word” and not just “listeners.” Let this be one of the fruits of our participation in the Eucharistic celebration, even as we observe **National Bible Sunday** and renew our commitment to **live out the Word** that we treasure, study, proclaim and pray.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

Greeting

P –Blessed be the Lord Jesus who shares with us his Word of life. May his grace and peace be with you all!
All –**And with your spirit!**

Penitential Act

P –As we come together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as God’s Family, let us realize the many times and ways in which we may have disap-

pointed the Lord. *(Pause)*

P –For the times we have turned a deaf ear to your invitation to live as you have taught us, Lord, have mercy!

All –**Lord, have mercy!**

P –For the times we have failed to be “Good News” to our neighbors Christ, have mercy!

All –**Christ, have mercy!**

P –For the times we have failed to contribute to the building of a better world imbued with Gospel values, Lord, have mercy!

All –**Lord, have mercy!**

P –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All –**Amen!**

Gloria

All –Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

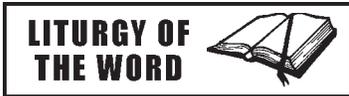
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All–Amen!



1st Reading *Neh 8:2-4a. 5-6.8-10*

After their return from the exile in Babylon, the Jews found it difficult to make a significant “fresh start.” Providentially, a scroll containing parts of the Bible was discovered and its content proved to be very effective in awakening in the people their sense of nationhood and their special relationship with the Lord.

R –A proclamation from the Book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it – for he was standing higher up than any of the people – and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the Lord,

their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then *Nehemiah*, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” – for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

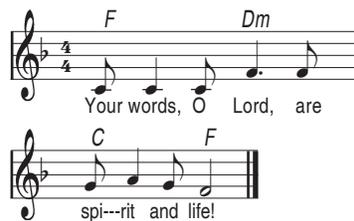
He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!”

The Word of the Lord!
All–Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 19*

R –*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life!*

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* The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. *R.*

* The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. *R.*

* The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just. *R.*

* Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart find favor before you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. *R.*

2nd Reading *1 Cor 12: 12-30*

The community of Corinth was plagued with divisions

and rivalries. Writing to them, the apostle Paul reminds the faithful of their duty to respect and appreciate one another for they are all members of the mystical body of Christ.

R –A proclamation from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one and though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body,

GLOSSARY: *Nehemiah:* The governor of the former exiles who, together with Ezra, greatly contributed to the organization and moral restoration of Jewish nation after their return from Babylon.

but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the Church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

The Word of the Lord!
All—Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 4:18*

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

Today's Gospel passage consists of two parts. The first underlines the serious historical research made by the Evangelist. The second portrays Jesus beginning his evangelizing mission throughout Galilee, and especially at Nazareth, shortly after having overcome the devil's temptations in the desert.

P —The Lord be with you!
All—And with your spirit!

P —A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All—Glory to you, O Lord!

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I, too, have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you

have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord!
All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Prayer of the Faithful

P —Spiritually united with all the people of goodwill, let us address our petitions to the Lord for all the needs dear to our hearts. Our response will be:

All—Lord, make us “doers of Your Word”!

C —For the Catholic Church, God's special family on earth: May she constantly be Good News to all the nations through her faithfulness to the teaching of Jesus. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For the Holy Father, our bishop and all other spiritual leaders: May their constant effort to promote a civilization of life, love and peace be crowned with lasting success. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For those involved in the Biblical apostolate: May they succeed in bringing all Catholics to appreciate the Word of God and to live out its message in their daily lives. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For the members of the various Christian denominations: May the love they share for the Bible enable them to overcome all divisions and rebuild the unity for which Jesus prayed. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all Christian families: May their generous response to Jesus' invitation to a more radical discipleship make them heralds of good

news in their own environments. Let us pray! **R.**

C –For all of us: In imitation of Jesus, may we do our best to help alleviate the plight of the poor and the forgotten. Let us pray! **R.**

C –Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (Pause) Let us pray! **R.**

P –Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Holy Scripture and the guidance it offers us. Grant us the grace to live by its message till the end of our lives. You who live and reign for ever and ever.

All–Amen!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Preparation of the Gifts

P –Pray, brethren . . .

All–May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

P –Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them, grant that they may profit us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.
All–Amen!

Preface I

P –The Lord be with you!

All–And with your spirit!

P –Lift up your hearts!

All–We lift them up to the Lord!

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

All–It is right and just!

P –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished

the marvelous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: **All–Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation

P –The mystery of faith!

All–When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again!

COMMUNION RITE



All–Our Father . . .

P –Deliver us, Lord . . .

All–For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All–Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P –This is the Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to his Supper.

All–Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer after Communion

P –Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift.

Through Christ our Lord.

All–Amen!

CONCLUDING RITES



P –The Lord be with you.

All–And with your spirit!

P –Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. (Pause)

–May the radiance of God's Word guide your steps in the way of an authentic Christian life.

All–Amen!

P –May the Lord protect you from all dangers and prosper your honest undertakings.

All–Amen!

P –May He free you from all anxiety and strengthen your hearts in His love.

All–Amen!

P –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All–Amen!

P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All–Thanks be to God!



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