

## First Reading

*A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

When I saw this, I fell on my face,  
and I heard someone speaking

He said to me:

“O mortal,<sup>1</sup> stand up on your feet,  
I will speak with you.”

<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me,  
a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet,  
and I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me,

“Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel,  
to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and  
their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.

<sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn.

I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them,  
‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’

<sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear  
(for they are a rebellious house),

they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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## Second Reading

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up  
to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do  
not know; God knows.

<sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person-whether in the body or out of  
the body I do not know; God knows-<sup>4</sup> was caught up into  
paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal  
is permitted to repeat.

<sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will  
not boast, except of my weaknesses.

<sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast,

I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain  
from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen  
in me or heard from me,<sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional  
character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given  
me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me  
from being too elated.

<sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would  
leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness.”

So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the  
power of Christ may dwell in me.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,  
persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I  
am weak, then I am strong.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Jesus appointed twelve to be with him  
and to be sent out to proclaim the message.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## Gospel

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

<sup>2</sup> On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue,  
and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, “Where did this man get all this?

What is this wisdom that has been given to him?

What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

<sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary  
and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon,  
and are not his sisters here with us?”

And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them,

“Prophets are not without honour,  
except in their hometown  
and among their own kin and in their own house.”

<sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there,  
except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured  
them.

<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by  
two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

<sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey  
except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts,  
<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

<sup>10</sup> He said to them,

“Wherever you enter a house,  
stay there until you leave the place.

<sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear  
you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as  
a testimony against them.”

<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many  
who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of Lord

**Praise to Thee O Christ**

## Intercessions

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***Those for whom prayer has been asked:***

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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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The visitors to the Top Up shop and Family First

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3 Celia, Dereck Markham, Ray Mallet, Colleen and Kevin,  
Stephen Abbott,

2 Linda Best, Margaret Starsmore, Rosie Gray

1 Maureen and Steve, Angela Parobij, Sonia Steggall, Sam,  
Edward Colthorpe, Carol Glymin, Debbie Shaves,  
Sue Doe, Brian, Beryl Chaplin

and those known privately to us.

***Those who have died recently***

Mark Wall,

Hazel Stapleton,

Bob Gayfer

Patricia Lee

Jean Bryan

Gloria Elmer

Vera Smith

Louise

Susan Bradshaw

Janet Kelly