

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6a

### God's Word Will Be Spoken

Have you noticed those who minister in our parish? There are many. Some you see and some you do not. You might have said thank you to some and you might have given others a hard time. Regardless of your treatment of those who minister here God's Word will be spoken.

Look at the readings for today. Each main character from Ezekiel to Paul to Jesus is given a hard time. They are shown disrespect and their message not listened to. Yet, God the Father sends his messengers and indeed His only Son regardless of the people's manners. God never gives up on wayward people. Moreover, He has high expectations of those He sends to speak His word.

The words of Ezekiel stand out. "[T]he spirit entered into me and set me on my feet." One gets a vision of God lifting the prophet up off the ground and setting him on his way. Ezekiel had no choice. By the force of God the prophet speaks!

Saint Paul tells of the "thorn in his flesh." He recognizes God keeps him humble and that he may only boast of Christ's power and not his own. Paul learns to trust in God's care and support. In the midst of trial and weakness it is God's success that emanates from Paul's work. He discovers, "when I am weak, then I am strong."

To be a prophet of God demands a focus on God's word and message and not on how people will receive it. The prophet must be obedient as well as informed and wise.

All that has been said above is personal to me. The psalm response resonates with me. "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy." It is a plea close to my heart. I am dependent on the Lord's Grace and Mercy. God called me to the priesthood and a prophetic ministry. I cannot claim any credit for this calling or ministry myself. It is all from God. What fool would deem to be a prophet on his own? Self-proclaimed prophets should be approached with some skepticism.

As it was for Ezekiel, God sends the prophet among those who are rebellious. I have experienced this. There is no earthly glory in the ministry. As Pope Francis warns priests, the priesthood is not a career. God expects obedience of the one he sends. The prophetic person will speak for God and the speech will be forceful. It will confront the people. Further, the message spoken will not win the prophetic servant of God friends. As the Lord says to Ezekiel, "they shall know that a prophet has been among them."

To those of you who minister in our parish I say, God's Word will be spoken. Do not let fear of ill treatment put you off. Let each of us keep focus on the Lord and His Church. Fraternal support must be offered to one another. If our fellow parish members do not accept the message we bring to them we

must bring it anyway. Our strength will be in the Lord and seen in our service to others.

Remember the words of the psalm (Ps. 123). "To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven – as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their master."

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Next Week's Readings  
Am7:12-15; Eph1:3-14; Mk6:7-13  
**Join us for Scripture Sharing Thursdays at 7:00pm in the chapel.**

### Stewardship

Attendance last week:	217
Tithes Collected:	\$3,877.00
Online Giving:	\$350.00
Total:	\$4,227.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Holy Father's Appeal (Peter's Pence):	\$393.00
Thank you!	

**Next weeks' second collection is for the American Black and Indian Mission.**

### LITURGY FOR JULY 4, 2021 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

- **HYMN #1: BLESS THE LORD (Canedo) (Angrisano/Mannibusen)**
  1. **Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.**
  2. Remember the kindness of our God, (**clap, clap, clap, clap**) who showers us with blessing all our days.
  3. Remember the justice of our God, (**clap, clap, clap, clap**) who stands with those forgotten and confused.
  4. Remember the healing love of God (**clap, clap, clap, clap**) who calls us to be whole and to be free.
- **PSALM 123:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.
- **HYMN #2: High Above Our Way (Angrisano/Stephan)**
  1. There's a love that is greater than my own; there's a spirit that brings me back to life. There's a seed that's been planted in my soul that can only grow in the light of Christ.
  2. There's a mercy that's wider than my own; there's a hope every sinner can be saved. There's a power that rolls away the stone that is only found in the light of Christ.
  3. **High above our way is the mind of God, love much greater than my own. Into your hands I commend my life; true love is found in Christ alone.**

- There is water for every thirstysoul; there is bread that will truly satisfy. There's a seed that's been planted in my soul that can only grow in the light of Christ.

• **HYMN #3: HERE I AM, LORD (Schutte)**

- I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them" Whom shall I send?
- Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**
- I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send.
- I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied, I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

• **HYMN #4: I SURRENDER (Fisher/Lee)**

- Here I am, down on my knees again. Surrendering all. Surrendering all. Find me here. Lord, as You draw me near. Desperate for You...desperate for You. I surrender.
- Drench my soul, as mercy and grace unfold. I hunger and thirst. I hunger and thirst.
- With arms stretched wide, I know You hear my cry. Speak to me now. Speak to me now...I surrender...I surrender. I want to know You more. I want to know You more.
- Like a rushing wind, Jesus breathe within in. Lord, have Your way. Lord, have Your way in me. Like a mighty storm, stir within my soul. Lord, have Your way. Lord, have Your way in me.
- I surrender. I surrender. I want to know you more. I want to know You more!

• **HYMN #5: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (Materna)**

- O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
- America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
- O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress. A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
- America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.
- O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
- America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
- O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years. Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and

crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

- America!....America!....America!

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 3

- 4:00 p.m. † Borbala Falatovics by St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 † Ryan Plateroti by Steven Baggiero & John Barlow

Sunday, July 4

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish  
 10:45 a.m. † Tony Mazzurco, Jr. by Mazzurco Family  
 † James Aiello by Joseph Johnson

Monday, July 5

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 6

- 8:00 a.m. † James Riedy by Friends

Wednesday, July 7

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Don Tranel by Daniel Mruphy

Thursday, July 8

- 8:00 a.m. Leonel J. Hernandez, M.D. by Dan Murphy & Dil Hatchett

Friday, July 9

- 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Saturday, July 10

- 4:00 p.m. Edna Davis by Joanie  
 † Ryan Diaz by Barbara Clowe

Sunday, July 11

- 9:00 a.m. † Cathy Mathey by Chris & Jim Jordan  
 10:45 a.m. † Jamie Portell by Mazzurco Family  
 † Raymond Girault by Gladys & Ghislaine