

[96] **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME B**

FIRST READING

The people are rebellious;
they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

2:2-5

As the Lord spoke,
his Spirit gave me the power to stand,
and I heard him say:

“You are a mere human,
but I am sending you to the people of Israel.
All of them have rebelled against me,
and they are still rebelling,
just as their ancestors did.
They are stubborn and hardheaded.

“But I am the Lord God,
and I am sending you to speak to them in my name.
They are stubborn.
So maybe they will listen
and maybe they won’t.
But at least they will know that a prophet has come to them.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

86:5-6, 15 and 16de

R. (5a) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You willingly forgive,
and your love is always there
for those who pray to you.
Please listen, Lord!
Answer my prayer for help.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, the Lord God,
are kind and merciful.

You don't easily get angry,
and your love
can always be trusted.
Look on me with kindness.
Make me strong and save me.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING

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

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

12:7-10

Brothers and sisters:

I am now referring to the wonderful things I saw.

One of Satan's angels was sent to make me suffer terribly,
so that I would not feel too proud.

Three times I begged the Lord to make this suffering go away.
But he replied, "My kindness is all you need.
My power is strongest when you are weak."

So if Christ keeps giving me his power,
I will gladly brag about how weak I am.
Yes, I am glad to be weak or insulted or mistreated
or to have troubles and sufferings,
if it is for Christ.
Because when I am weak, I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

See Luke 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord now upon me
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

I am gentle and humble of heart.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

6:1-6

Jesus left and returned to his hometown with his disciples.
The next Sabbath he taught in the Jewish meeting place.

Many of the people who heard him were amazed and asked,
“How can he do all this?
Where did he get such wisdom and the power to work these miracles?
Isn’t he the carpenter, the son of Mary?
Aren’t James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon his brothers?
Don’t his sisters still live here in our town?”

The people were very unhappy because of what he was doing.
But Jesus said, “Prophets are honored by everyone,
except the people of their hometown
and their relatives and their own family.”

Jesus could not work any miracles there,
except to heal a few sick people by placing his hands on them.
He was surprised that the people did not have any faith.

The gospel of the Lord.

