

[93] THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME B

FIRST READING

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

A reading from the second book of Wisdom

1:13-15; 2:23-24a

God did not create death,
and he is sad whenever a living creature dies.
God made everything,
and there is a reason for every living creature.
No deadly poison is in them,
and the kingdom of death doesn't rule the earth.
Goodness will never die.

God created us to live forever,
just as he does.
But the Devil was jealous and brought death into the world.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

30:4 and 5def, 10-11ab and 12bcd

R. (2a) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Your faithful people, Lord,
will praise you with songs
and honor your holy name.
At night we may cry,
but when the morning comes
we will celebrate.

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Have pity, Lord! Help!
You have turned my sorrow
into joyful dancing.
I will never stop
singing your praises,
my Lord and my God.

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

Your abundance should supply their want.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

8:7, 9, 13-14

Brothers and sisters:

You do everything better than anyone else.
You have stronger faith.

You speak better and know more.
You are eager to give,
and you love us better.
Now you must give more generously than anyone else.

You know that our Lord Jesus Christ
was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor,
so that you could become rich.

I am not trying to make life easier for others
by making life harder for you.
But it is only fair for you to share with them
when you have so much,
and they have so little.
Later, when they have more than enough, and you are in need,
they can share with you.
Then everyone will have a fair share.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

See 2 Timothy 1:10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through the gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Little girl, I say to you, arise.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

5:21-24, 35-43

Jesus got into the boat and crossed Lake Galilee.
Then as he stood on the shore,

a large crowd gathered around him.
The person in charge of the Jewish meeting place was also there.
His name was Jairu,
and when he saw Jesus, he went over to him.
He knelt at Jesus' feet and started begging him for help.
He said, "My daughter is about to die!
Please come and touch her,
so she will get well and live."

Jesus went with Jairus.
Many people followed along and kept crowding around.

A little while later, some men came from Jairus' home and said,
"Your daughter has died!
Why bother the teacher anymore?"

Jesus heard what they said,
and he said to Jairus,
"Don't worry. Just have faith!"

Jesus did not let anyone go with him
except Peter and the two brothers, James and John.
They went home with Jairus and saw the people
crying and making a lot of noise.

Then Jesus went inside and said to them,
"Why are you crying and carrying on like this?
The child is not dead.
She is just asleep."
But the people laughed at him.

After Jesus had sent them all out of the house,
he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples
and went to where she was.

He took the twelve-year-old girl by the hand and said,

"Talitha, koum!"
which means, "Little girl, get up!"

The girl got right up and started walking around.

Everyone was greatly surprised.
But Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.
Then he said, "Give her something to eat."

The gospel of the Lord.

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time—Cycle B

Prayer: God, your love brings us joy. We are happy that you are our God and that Jesus and Your Spirit, stay with us always. May we share our love and joy with everyone we meet this day. AMEN.

Readings: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24a; Ps 30:4, 5, 10-11ab, 12bcd; 2Cor 8:7,9, 13-14; Mark 5:21-24,35-43

The man Jairus, in the Gospel story, is a father. A few weeks ago we celebrated “Father’s Day.” Fathers, like God our Father, are concerned for the life of their child/ren.

This story however is about sharing and caring. Jairus cares for his daughter and so does Jesus. Jesus shares His caring power of love and healing to show the people the greatness of God.

Again, Jesus brings three of his special friends: Peter, James and John. Why? Probably because Jesus knows they need to see God’s power and the power of faith. Jesus wants the disciples to see, know and act like Him! That’s our challenge and call as well.

Like the 2 Cor reading: SHARE because God/Jesus has shared life with you. This passage clearly says we are to be generous—more generous than others because we are Christians. We are to be “eager to give” and “love better.” The early Church knew it wasn’t easy, but that the rewards, were great! It reminds us of the words in the OUR FATHER: “On earth as it is in heaven.” Sharing and Caring are signs of true followers of Jesus.

Activities: Have the children talk about how they feel when someone shares or refuses to share. Comment on how it isn’t always easy to share or how they get mad/hurt when someone doesn’t share. Then talk about how they feel when they do share. Jesus shared his love and caring. Be prepared to share examples of sharing and caring. Some things to comment on: A smile is sharing and caring. Were you friendly to someone other kids don’t like? Did you say “thank you”? Even when you say: “I am sorry”—that’s a sign of caring? Did you hold a door, carry a bag, do dishes, empty trash, do homework?

To conclude the session: Have the bowl of water in the middle of the children. Remind the children that WATER is a sign used in the church for baptism and blessings—to show God’s care. We share in blessings with the water of Baptism. Have each child dip their fingers into the water, make the sign of the cross, a say: I am (child’s name), a friend of God’s. Then the entire group responds: “God loves (child’s name) and we love (child’s name).”

Dear Jesus, we know we show our care and love one another when we share. Because you call us by name and call us to be your friend, we will be a friend to each other.

Say the OUR FATHER, emphasis, “on earth as it is in heaven.”