

[139] **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C**

FIRST READING

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

A reading from the second book of Kings

5:14-17

Naaman, the Syrian, did what God's prophet Elisha had told him to do.

He went down to the Jordan River
and dipped in the water seven times.

Then he was well,
and his skin looked as healthy as that of a young child.

Naaman and everyone with him went back to the prophet Elisha.

Naaman said, "Elisha, now I know
that the only God in all the world is in Israel.

Please, sir, let me give you a gift."

Elisha replied, "I serve the living God,
and I swear by him that I will not take a thing from you!

Naaman kept begging him to accept something,
but Elisha refused.

Naaman said, "Sir, if you won't accept a gift,
then let me take back as much of Israel's soil
as two mules can carry.

From now on I will give sacrifices and offerings only to the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

R. (see 2b) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord!
He has worked miracles,
and with his own powerful arm,
he has won the victory.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has shown the nations
that he has the power to save

and to bring justice.
God has been faithful
in his love for Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

His saving power is seen
everywhere on earth.
Tell everyone on this earth
to sing happy songs
in praise of the Lord.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

2:11-13

Here is a true message:

“If we died with Christ,
we will live with him.

If we don't give up,
we will rule with him.

If we deny that we know him,
he will deny that he knows us.

If we are not faithful,
he will still be faithful.

Christ cannot deny who he is.”

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

1 Thessalonians 5:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God
except this foreigner.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

17:11-19

On his way to Jerusalem,
Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
As he was going into a village,
ten men with leprosy came toward him.
They stood at a distance and shouted,
“Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

Jesus looked at them and said,
“Go show yourselves to the priests.”

On their way they were healed.
When one of them discovered that he was healed,
he came back, shouting praises to God.
He bowed down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.
The man was from the country of Samaria.

Jesus asked, “Weren’t ten men healed?
Where are the other nine?
Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?”

Then Jesus told the man, “You may get up and go.
Your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord.



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C**

Prayer:
Dear God,
Thank you for all of the amazing gifts you have given me!
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Readings:

Second book of Kings	5:14-17
Psalm	98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4
Second Letter of Paul to Timothy	2:11-13
Luke	17:11-19

Reflection:
The men in today's gospel have a terrible disease called leprosy. In Jesus' time, people were afraid of that disease so anyone who had it was forced to stay away from other people who didn't have it, including their family and friends. Not only did these men have a terrible disease, but some of them were also from a different town. In those days, people from different towns didn't like each other. Most people would not have even talked to these men but Jesus talks to them and heals them. After they were healed, however, only 1 man came back to say "thank you." It is easy to think that the other 9 men were terrible, ungrateful people but if we are honest they are probably more like us than the one who gave thanks. I think that most of us would be very excited to be healed because we could be with our families and friends. We could go back to work to earn a living. We could go out in public without feeling ashamed. We would feel healthy again. I think we would be so excited, for most of us, our first thought would be to run and tell our families and everyone else, forgetting to go back and say, "Thank you." This happens with us every day. God and others are so good to us and we forget to show our gratitude. This gospel reminds us to remember how important it is to be grateful and to say, "thank you" for "All Good Gifts" really do come from God who loves us and wants us to be happy!

Discussion:
Write the words "Thank You God For..." on the top of a chalk board or large piece of paper. Invite the class to brainstorm all the things they are thankful for. Write them on board/paper or let them write their own suggestion if they are old enough.

Activity: Thank You Notes
Materials Needed: Thank you notes and envelopes – 2 for each child, pencils, pens, markers, stickers
Directions:

1. Give each child 2 Thank You Notes and envelopes.
2. Ask each child to write or draw a thank you note to someone (parent, friend, teacher, priest) to thank them for being part of their life.
3. Ask each child to write or draw a thank you note to God to thank God for being a part of their life and for all of the gifts that God has given them.
4. Instruct the children to give their thank you notes to the people they make them for.
5. Collect the Thank You Notes to God and present them to the priest when the class returns to Mass or after Mass.

