

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YrB)

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job (7:1-4,6-7)

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 146:1-6. R. v3)

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Or: Alleluia!

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
He heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to St Paul to the
Corinthians (9:16-19,22-23)

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a
duty which has been laid on me, I should be
punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this
work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I
have not, it is a responsibility which has been put
into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It
is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good
News free, and not insist on the rights which the
gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made
myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many
as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I
made myself all things to all men in order to save
some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of
the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn 8:12)

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia!

Or: (Mt 8:17)

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

He took our sicknesses away,
and carried our diseases for us.

R. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
(1:29-39)

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James
and John straight to the house of Simon and
Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to
bed with fever, and they told him about her
straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand
and helped her up. And the fever left her and she
began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all
who were sick and those who were possessed by
devils. The whole town came crowding round the
door, and he cured many who were suffering from

diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him; and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.