

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Ring out your joy, give glory to God,  
Lift up your hearts and sing.  
Let all creation tell of His name,  
Praise Him for ever more!*

1. Blessed are you God of our fathers,  
Glory and praise for ever more!  
Blessed your great and glorious holy name  
Glory and praise for ever more!
2. Blest in the temple of your glory,  
Glory and praise for ever more!  
Blessed are you who gaze into the depths,  
Glory and praise for ever more!

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19  
*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.  
Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.  
Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.  
I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land:  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.  
They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you -  
it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 70:1-6.15. 17. R] v. 15

**R. My lips will tell of your help.**

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians  
12:31 - 13:13

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

*\* Shorter Form, verses 4-13.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fulness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

\*Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.\*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia!

