

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

YHWH will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; to that prophet you must listen. It was this that you asked of YHWH, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, "Let us not hear again the voice of YHWH, our God, nor see this great fire again, or we will die."

And YHWH said to me, "This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their people, into whose mouth

I will put my words, and that person will tell them all that I command. If any person will not listen to the words that my prophet speaks in my Name, I myself will call that person to answer for this. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my Name a message that I have not commanded to be spoken, or speaks in the name of other gods — that prophet will die."

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-34, 35

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would like you to be free of all worries. Unmarried people are busy with God's affairs, and are concerned with pleasing God, but married people are busy with this world's demands and occupied with pleasing their spouses. This means they are divided.

I tell you this for your own good. I have no desire to place restrictions on you, but I do want to promote what is good, what will help you to devote yourselves entirely to God.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

They came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and began to teach. The people were spellbound by his teaching, because Jesus taught with an authority that was unlike their religious scholars.

Suddenly a person with an unclean spirit appeared in their synagogue. It shrieked: “What do you want from us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!”

Jesus rebuked the spirit sharply: “Be quiet! Come out of that person!” At that the unclean spirit convulsed the possessed one violently, and with a loud shriek it came out.

All who looked on were amazed. They began to ask one another, “What is this? A new teaching, and with such authority! This person even gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey!” Immediately news of Jesus spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Good News of Salvation!
R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!