

■ **Sunday between 6 and 12 November**
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Third Sunday before Advent (Year B)
Remembrance (or the Sunday before Remembrance)

First Reading - 1 Kings 17.8-16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The Lord directed Elijah
to go to the coastal town
of Sarepta, in Lebanon,
saying, 'I have commanded a widow there
to feed you.'

As Elijah approached the town,
he saw a widow, gathering sticks.

Elijah asked her for a cup of water,
and as she went,
he called after her, asking also
for a piece of bread.

She turned and said to Elijah,
'As the Lord your God lives,
I have nothing baked.
I have only a handful of flour, in a jar,
and a little oil, in a jug.
I am gathering these sticks
so that I may go home,
and prepare all that remains,
for myself and my son,
that we may eat it,
and die.'

Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid.
Go, and do as you have said.
But first,
make something, and bring it to me;
and afterwards
make something
for yourself and your son.
For the Lord, the God of Israel, says this:
The jar of flour will not be empty,
and the jug of oil will not run dry,
until the day
that the Lord
sends rain on the earth.'

She went and did as Elijah had said,
and she, and Elijah, and her household,
ate for many days;
and the jar of flour was not empty,
and the jug of oil
did not run dry.

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Hebrews 9.24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The earthly high priest
enters a sanctuary
made by human hands,
a mere copy
of the true one
in heaven.

But Christ enters into heaven itself,
to appear in the presence of God
on our behalf.

Again and again,
the earthly high priest
enters the holy place,
with the blood of a bull, or a goat,
to offer sacrifice.

But Christ, entering heaven, does not
have to offer himself again and again:
for Christ appears once, at the right time,
to remove all sin, by the one sacrifice
of himself.

Mortals die once,
and face judgement.

And Christ,
having been sacrificed once, for the sins of many,
will appear, on that day,
to welcome many
into salvation.

And we trust in him
for that day.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 12.38-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Jesus was teaching in the temple,
and a large crowd
was listening to him.

Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes!
They like to walk around in long robes,
and have people bow down to them in public.
They like to have the best seats in the synagogues,
and places of honour
at banquets.

Yet they cheat widows out of their property,
while for the sake of appearances,
they say long prayers.

They will be judged
most harshly.'

Jesus sat down
opposite the place
where money was offered,
and watched the crowd
putting in
the offerings they had brought.

Many rich people
were giving large sums.

A poor widow came,
and put in
two small coins.

Jesus called his disciples,
and said to them, 'Truly,
this poor widow
has put in more
than all those others.

For they have given
from riches
they had to spare;
but she, in her poverty,
has put in
all she had
to live on.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.