

Sunday 4 July 2027

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

First Reading - Ezekiel 1.28b - 2.5

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens opened,
and I saw
visions of God.
I bowed down,
with my face to the ground.
But a voice said, 'Stand up,
and I will speak with you.'
The Spirit
entered into me,
and set me on my feet.
And the voice said,
'I am sending you
to my people, who have become
a nation
of rebels,
shameless, and stubborn.
For generations,
they have rebelled against me.
I am sending you
to speak to them
in the name of the Lord God.
And whether they hear,
or refuse to hear,
they will know
that there has been
a prophet
amongst them.'
This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.
I know someone, in Christ, who,
fourteen years ago,
was caught up
into the third heaven.
Whether this was
in the body, or out of the body,
I do not know; only God can know.
But I know that this person
was caught up into Paradise,
and into an experience
that no words can describe,
and no mortal can tell.
On behalf of such a person, I could boast;
but on my own behalf, I will not boast -
except of my weaknesses.
If I were to boast,
I would not
be a fool,
for I would be
speaking the truth.
But I refrain from boasting,
so that you may judge me
solely
by what you see in me
and hear from me.

For despite
the exceptional character
of the revelations,
and to keep me from vanity,
I was given
a thorn in the flesh,
like a messenger of Satan,
to torment me.
Three times
I appealed to the Lord,
that it would leave me,
but the Lord has said to me, 'My grace
is all that you need',
and, 'My strength
is made perfect
in weakness'.
So I boast all the more gladly
of my weaknesses,
that the power of Christ
may dwell within me.
Indeed,
I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and more,
for the sake of Christ;
for when I am weak,
then I am strong.
This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 6.1-6

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.
Jesus went
to his home town
of Nazareth,
and his disciples went with him.
On the sabbath,
he began teaching in the synagogue,
and many who heard him
were amazed.
They said to one another,
'Where did he get these teachings,
and the power to do such works?
Surely this is
the carpenter, the son of Mary.
His sisters
are here with us, and his brothers -
James, Joseph, Simon, and Jude.'
And they took offence at him.
Jesus said to them, 'Prophets
are honoured everywhere -
except
in their home town,
amongst their own people,
and in their own house.'
And he could do
no work of power there,
except that he laid his hands
on some who were sick,
and they were healed.
And he was amazed
at their unbelief.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.