



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25–OCTOBER 1

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 26

Year B, Complementary Series

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The camp followers with them had a strong craving,
and the Israelites also wept again and said,
“If only we had meat to eat!

⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing,
the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic,
⁶but now our strength is dried up,
and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families,
all at the entrances of their tents.
Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased.

¹¹So Moses said to the LORD,
“Why have you treated your servant so badly?
Why have I not found favor in your sight,
that you lay the burden of all this people on me?

¹²Did I conceive all this people?
Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me,
‘Carry them in your bosom as a wet nurse carries a nursing child,
to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’?

¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people?
For they come weeping to me, saying, ‘Give us meat to eat!’

¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone,
for they are too heavy for me.

¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—
if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses,
“Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel,
whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them;
bring them to the tent of meeting
and have them take their place there with you.” ▶

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD,
and he gathered seventy elders of the people
and placed them all around the tent.

²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses
and took some of the spirit that was on him
and put it on the seventy elders,
and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied.
But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp,
one named Eldad and the other named Medad,
and the spirit rested on them;
they were among those registered,
but they had not gone out to the tent,
so they prophesied in the camp.

²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses,
“Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen ones, said,
“My lord Moses, stop them!”

²⁹But Moses said to him,
“Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets
and that the LORD’s spirit would be put on them!”

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 19:7-14

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray.

Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick,

and the Lord will raise them up,

and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another

and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷Elijah was a human like us,

and he prayed fervently that it might not rain,

and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain,

and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My dear family,

if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,

²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering

will save the sinner's soul from death

and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

³⁸John said to 「Jesus,」

“Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name,
and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.”

³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him,
for no one who does a deed of power in my name
will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink
because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,
it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck
and you were thrown into the sea.

⁴³If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off;
it is better for you to enter life maimed
than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off;
it is better for you to enter life lame
than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out;
it is better for you to enter the dominion of God with one eye
than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,

⁴⁸where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?
Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.