

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

1st. READING (Dt 18,15-20)

Moses said to the people: Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself from among the people, from your brothers, to whom you shall listen. Remember that in Horeb, on the day of the Assembly, you said: "I am afraid to die and I do not want to hear the voice of Yahweh again or see again that great fire." So Yahweh said to me: "They have spoken well. I shall raise up a prophet from their midst, one of their brothers, who will be like you. I will put my words into his mouth and he will tell them all that I command. If someone does not listen to my words when the prophet speaks on my behalf, I myself will call him to account for it. But any prophet who says in my name anything that I did not command, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95)

Come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful sound
to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him giving thanks,
with music and songs of praise.

Come and worship; let us bow down,
kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
He is our God, and we his people;
the flock he leads and pastures.
Would that today you heard his voice!

Do not be stubborn, as at Meribah,
in the desert, on that day at Massah,
when your ancestors challenged me,
and they put me to the test.

2nd. READING (1Cor 7,32-35)

I would like you to be free from anxieties. He who is not married is concerned about the things of the Lord and how to please the Lord. While he who is married is taken up with the things of the world and how to please his wife, and he is divided in his interests. Likewise, the unmarried woman and the virgin are concerned with the service of the Lord, to be holy in body and spirit. The married woman, instead, worries about the things of the world and how to please her husband. I say this for your own good. I do not wish to lay traps for you but to lead you to a beautiful life, entirely united with the Lord.

GOSPEL (Mk 1,21-28)

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people were astonished at the way he taught, for he spoke as one having authority and not like the teachers of the Law. It happened that a man with an evil spirit was in their synagogue and he shouted, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: You are the Holy One of God." Then Jesus faced him and said with authority, "Be silent and come out of this man!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and, with a loud shriek, came out of him. All the people were astonished and they wondered, "What is this? With what authority he preaches! He even orders evil spirits and they obey him!" And Jesus' fame spread throughout all the country of Galilee.