

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## FIRST LESSON

## 1 Kings 17:17-24

**T**he son of the woman, the mistress of the house at Zarephath, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow

with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

## PSALM 30

## *Exaltabo te, Domine*

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

<sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.

<sup>6</sup> Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>7</sup> While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

<sup>8</sup> Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.

<sup>9</sup> I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

<sup>10</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

<sup>11</sup> Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."

<sup>12</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and  
clothed me with joy.

## SECOND LESSON

**I**want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up

## GOSPEL

**S**oon after healing the centurion's slave, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and

<sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*

O Lord my God, I will give you  
thanks for ever.

## Galatians 1:11-24

to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

## Luke 7:11-17

touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.