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First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from the 19th Chapter of 1st Kings.

At [Horeb, the mount of God,]

[Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

“What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword.

I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD,

but the LORD was not in the wind,

and after the wind an earthquake,

but the LORD was not in the earthquake,

and after the earthquake a fire,

but the LORD was not in the fire,

and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle

and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said,

“What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword.

I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

Then the LORD said to him,

“Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;

when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel,

and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill,

and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

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Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel,
all the knees that have not bowed to Baal,
and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

A reading from the 10th Chapter of Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law,
that "the person who does these things will live by them."

But the righteousness that comes from faith says,

"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' "

(that is, to bring Christ down)

"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' "

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say?

"The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),

because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,

you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness,

and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written,

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**