



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 22:19-23*

This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.

God said to Shebna, the officer in charge of the palace,
“Because you have been so wicked,
you can no longer be an officer of the palace.
I am taking that away from you,
and I will make Eliakim the officer of the palace.
I will give him all the power and authority that you had.
He will be like a father to the people of Jerusalem and Judah.
I will give him the keys to the house of David.
He will be able to open and shut the door,
and no one will stop him.
I will make him strong and secure,
and he will bring honor to the house of David.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 89*

Your love and your promises are true, O God, are true!

Verses:

1. You made a covenant long ago, a promise made in love.
2. You keep your promises forever. Your love will never end.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus asked them, “Who am I?”

1. Peter answered, “You are the Christ;
you are the Son of the living God!”
2. Alleluia! “You are the Christ;
you are the Son of the living God!”



GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:13-19*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus and his disciples were in the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples,

“Who do people think I am?”

They said,

“Some people say you are John the Baptist, and others think you are the prophet Elijah. But there are others who say you are Jeremiah or some other prophet.”

Jesus asked them,

“And who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered,

“You are the Christ. You are the Son of the living God.”

Jesus said,

“Simon, you are blessed. You did not learn that from any human being. No, God told you that. And I tell you, you will be called Peter, which means “rock.” On this rock I will build my church. It will be stronger than the gates of hell, and nothing will be able to destroy it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven so that what you decide on earth will be the same in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.