

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 2:2-5*

*This is a reading from the prophet Ezekiel.*

The spirit came to me, and I heard God say,  
“I am sending you to speak to my people.  
They are stubborn and have turned away from me.  
But I am sending you to them and you will say,  
‘Your God is speaking to you!’  
“And whether they accept what you say or not,  
(remember they are stubborn people!)  
they will know that a real prophet has come to them!”

*This is the Word of God.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 40*

Here I am, O my God. I come to do your will.

*Verses:*

1. Speak, Lord, I'm listening. I wait to hear your Word.
2. I will tell everyone how you will save us all.
3. A new song I will sing: your love is wonderful.

*(Repeat Response after each Verse.)*



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We believe, we believe; Lord, help our unbelief.

GOSPEL: *Mark 6:1-6*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples went with him.  
On the Sabbath day, he went to the synagogue to teach.  
The people there were amazed at everything he said.  
They asked,

“Where did he get all his wisdom?  
And how is he able to do the miracles he does?  
Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary?  
Isn't he the brother of James and Joset and Judas and Simon?  
And don't his sisters live right here in our town?”

They just could not accept Jesus as someone special.

Jesus said to them,

“Prophets are always honored by everyone except  
their own people, especially in their own home town.”

And Jesus could not do many miracles there,  
except to heal a few people by laying hands on them.  
He was surprised at how hard it was for them to believe.  
And he went to teach in other towns.

*This is the Good News of the Lord.*