

# Readings: Feria

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-8

There was a certain man from Ramthaim, Elkanah by name,  
a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim.  
He was the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu,  
son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.  
He had two wives, one named Hannah, the other Peninnah;  
Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless.  
This man regularly went on pilgrimage from his city  
to worship the Lord of hosts and to sacrifice to him at Shiloh,  
where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas,  
were ministering as priests of the Lord.  
When the day came for Elkanah to offer sacrifice,  
he used to give a portion each to his wife Peninnah  
and to all her sons and daughters,  
but a double portion to Hannah because he loved her,  
though the Lord had made her barren.  
Her rival, to upset her, turned it into a constant reproach to her  
that the Lord had left her barren.  
This went on year after year;  
each time they made their pilgrimage to the sanctuary of the Lord,  
Peninnah would approach her,  
and Hannah would weep and refuse to eat.  
Her husband Elkanah used to ask her:  
"Hannah, why do you weep, and why do you refuse to eat?  
Why do you grieve?"  
  
Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19

R/ To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise. or: Alleluia.

How shall I make a return to the Lord  
for all the good he has done for me?  
The cup of salvation I will take up,  
and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

R/ To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise. or: Alleluia.

My vows to the Lord I will pay  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.

R/ To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise. or: Alleluia.

My vows to the Lord I will pay  
in the presence of all his people,  
In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R/ To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise. or: Alleluia.

Gospel Introduction

In the Gospel, Jesus begins to preach the coming of the kingdom of God among people. He calls for penance and conversion and chooses his first disciples. These same words are addressed to us today: "Repent, be converted, be fishers of people for the kingdom."

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel."  
  
As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;  
they were fishermen.  
Jesus said to them,  
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
Then they left their nets and followed him.  
He walked along a little farther  
and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
They too were in a boat mending their nets.  
Then he called them.  
So they left their father Zebedee in the boat  
  
along with the hired men and followed him.

