

Readings: Wednesday, 19th Week in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo,
the headland of Pisgah which faces Jericho,
and the Lord showed him all the land—
Gilead, and as far as Dan, all Naphtali,
the land of Ephraim and Manasseh,
all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,
the Negeb, the circuit of the Jordan
with the lowlands at Jericho, city of palms,
and as far as Zoar.

The Lord then said to him,

"This is the land
which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
that I would give to their descendants.

I have let you feast your eyes upon it, but you shall not cross over."

So there, in the land of Moab, Moses, the servant of the Lord,
died as the Lord had said; and he was buried in the ravine
opposite Beth-peor in the land of Moab,
but to this day no one knows the place of his burial.

Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died,
yet his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated.

For thirty days the children of Israel wept for Moses
in the plains of Moab, till they had completed
the period of grief and mourning for Moses.

Now Joshua, son of Nun, was filled with the spirit of wisdom,
since Moses had laid his hands upon him;
and so the children of Israel gave him their obedience,
thus carrying out the Lord's command to Moses.

Since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses,
whom the Lord knew face to face.

He had no equal in all the signs and wonders
the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt
against Pharaoh and all his servants and against all his land,
and for the might and the terrifying power
that Moses exhibited in the sight of all Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17

R./ Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God: "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R./ Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Come and see the works of God,
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

Bless our God, you peoples;
loudly sound his praise.

R./ Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.

When I appealed to him in words,
praise was on the tip of my tongue.

R./ Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother or sister has sinned against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are in private, and if he listens to you, you have won your brother. If you are not listened to, take with you one or two others so that the case may be decided by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he still refuses to listen to them, tell it to the assembled Church. But if he does not listen to the Church, then regard such a one as a pagan or a publican.

I say to you: whatever you bind on earth, heaven will keep bound; and whatever you unbind on earth, heaven will keep unbound.

In like manner, I say to you: if on earth two of you are united in asking for anything, it will be granted to you by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered in my Name, I am there among them."
