

About the Readings on November 10, 2024

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Sunday, November 6–12

Lectionary 32

We near the close of year B with another narrative from Mark's gospel, and we join the widow of Zarephath with a meager meal that signals the mercy of God.

1 Kings 17:8-16

We join with the widow to honor the proclaimed word of God, and we willingly give what we have to feed the needy. The miracle story, yet another Old Testament story of God's providing food, is a metaphor for Deuteronomistic theology. Yet the contemporary Christian who receives the word is also mysteriously fed by God.

The Psalm for the Day

Having heard the story of Elijah and the widow, we join together in **Psalm 146**. Through the words, we are the widow, praising God for sustaining us and the orphans. It is God who will reign forever, not kings like Ahab.

Hebrews 9:24-28

Like the widow in Mark, Christ gave all he had. In Jewish thought, the blood carries the life of the animal. Whether or not we anticipate a literal second coming of Christ, we daily await God's salvation.

Mark 12:38-44

Although this narrative is read near the time that many parishes run a stewardship campaign, it is misused if it is merely applied to annual pledges. The widow, that is, the helpless one, gives everything: she is thus an image of Christ.

