

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SECOND READING BY MARK ALLWOOD

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

15:43It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven.

As was one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as is one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Word of God Word of Life