

Readings 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th June 2026 Year A

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way, he would turn in there to eat food. And she said to her husband, “Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who is continually passing our way. Let us make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there.”



One day he came there, and he turned into the chamber and rested there. And he said “What then is to be done for her?” Gehazi answered, “Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.” He said, “Call her.” And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway. And he said, “At this season, about this time next year, you shall embrace a son.”

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.
I have declared that your mercy is established for ever;
your fidelity stands firm as the heavens.

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

How blessed the people who know your praise,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your uprightness their joyful acclaim.

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

For you are the glory of their strength;
By your favour it is that our might is exalted.
Behold, the Lord is our shield;
He is the Holy One of Israel, our king.

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH 

Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;

Proclaim the wonders of him

Who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 10:37- 42

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

