

97 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-17++

This man is a holy man of God. He can stay here
whenever he comes to us.

A reading from the second book of Kings.

- 8 One day Elisha was passing through Shunem,
where a wealthy woman lived,
who urged him to have a meal.
So whenever he passed that way,
he would stop there for a meal.
- 9 She said to her husband,
“Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way
is a holy man of God.
- 10 Let us make a small roof chamber with walls,
and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp,
so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.”
- 11 One day when Elisha came there,
he went up to the chamber and lay down there.
- 12 He said to his servant Gehazi,
14 “What then may be done for the woman?”
Gehazi answered,
“Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.”
- 15 Elisha said, “Call her.”
When the servant had called her, she stood at the door.
- 16 Elisha said,
“At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.”
She replied, “No, my lord, O man of God;
do not deceive your servant.”
- 17 The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time,
as Elisha had declared to her.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89.1-2, 15-16, 17-18, (R.1a)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

- 1 I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
- 2 I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. **R.**
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;
- 16 they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness. **R.**
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favour our horn is exalted.
- 18 For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

*We have been buried with Christ Jesus by baptism into death,
so we too might walk in newness of life.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- My brothers and sisters:
- 3 Do you not know
that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
- 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.
- 8 But if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.
- 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 1 Peter 2.9

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10.37-42

Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus called the twelve to him
and sent them out with the following instructions:

37 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me
is not worthy of me;
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me
is not worthy of me;
38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me
is not worthy of me.
39 Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me.
41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet
will receive a prophet’s reward;
and whoever welcomes a righteous person
in the name of a righteous person
will receive the reward of the righteous;
42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—
truly I tell you,
none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.