

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YR A)

FIRST READING: A reading from the second book of the Kings (4:8-11,14-16)

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there passed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down, 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi, his servant answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 88:2-3,16-19. R. v.2)

R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the
heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their
strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING (6:3-4,8-11): A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (6:3-4,8-11)

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were
baptised in his death; in other words, when we were
baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined

him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the
dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new
life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall
return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having
been raised from the dead will never die again.
Death has no power over him any more. When he
died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is
life with God; and in that way, you too must consider
yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Ac 16:14)

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew (10:37-42)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who
prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.
Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not
worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross
and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.
Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and
those who welcome me welcome the one who sent
me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a
prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone
who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man
will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to
one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then
I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his
reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.