

Reading - 13th Sunday of ordinary time - A

Reading 1, *Second Kings 4:8-11, 14-16*

⁸ One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. ⁹ She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. ¹⁰ Let us build him a small walled room, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' ¹¹ One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. ¹⁴ 'What can I do for you then?' he asked. Gehazi replied, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' ¹⁵ Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. ¹⁶ 'This time next year', he said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.' But she said, 'No, my lord, do not deceive your servant.'

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19*

² for you have said: love is built to last for ever, you have fixed your constancy firm in the heavens. ³ 'I have made a covenant with my Chosen One, sworn an oath to my servant David:

¹⁶ In your name they rejoice all day long, by your saving justice they are raised up. ¹⁷ You are the flower of their strength, by your favour our strength is triumphant;

¹⁸ for to Yahweh belongs our shield, to the Holy One of Israel our king. ¹⁹ Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful you said: 'I have given strength to a warrior, I have raised up a man chosen from my people.'

Reading 2, *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

³ You cannot have forgotten that all of us, when we were baptised into Christ Jesus, were baptised into his death. ⁴ So by our baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glorious power, we too should begin living a new life. ⁸ But we believe that, if we died with Christ, then we shall live with him too. ⁹ We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. ¹⁰ For by dying, he is dead to sin once and for all, and now the life that he lives is life with God. ¹¹ In the same way, you must see yourselves as being dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel, *Matthew 10:37-42*

³⁷ 'No one who prefers father or mother to me is worthy of me. No one who prefers son or daughter to me is worthy of me. ³⁸ Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes an upright person because he is upright will have the reward of an upright person. ⁴² 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then in truth I tell you, he will most certainly not go without his reward.'