



Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary Time – Year A (P 441) – 2/7/2017

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 246: 2

All peoples clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING 4:8-11, 14-16 Page 422

A reading from the 2nd book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

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. 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

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

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Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

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 death 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 death will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.
Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

★ 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.** ◆

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

◆ **Through Christ our Lord.** ◆

