

Reflecting On Sunday's Readings

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 28, 2020

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

⁸ 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. ⁹ And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who is continually passing our way. 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 whenever he comes to us, he can go in there." ¹¹ One day he came there, and he turned into the chamber and rested there. ... ¹⁴ And he said, "What then is to be done for her?" Gehazi answered, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is old." ¹⁵ He said, "Call her." And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway. ¹⁶ And he said, "At this season, when the time comes round, you shall embrace a son."

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

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;"

in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

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

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

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

You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

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

Second Reading — Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ... ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. ⁹ For 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.

Gospel Reading — Matthew 10:37-42

³⁷ He who 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; ³⁸ and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² 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 shall not lose his reward."

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INVITATION TO PRAY

Pause for a few moments of silence and enter more deeply into the presence of God...

Proclaim the Scriptures out loud

As you listen to the scriptures be attentive to a word, a phrase, a question, an image, or a feeling that emerges. Reflect on this quietly or share it aloud.

INVITATION TO REFLECT

INVITATION TO GROUP SHARING

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

1. What characteristics do you think are essential to be hospitable?

Second Reading — Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

2. How would you describe the “newness of life”?
3. What does the term “dead to sin” mean to you?

Gospel Reading — Matthew 10:37-42

4. Explain the attitude Jesus desires us to have toward:
Him:

Our self:

Others:
5. What have you found helpful to move you from being self-serving to serving others?
6. During this year of the Eucharist, how do these readings help you carry Christ to others?

INVITATION TO ACT

Determine a specific action (individual or group) that flows from your sharing. When choosing an individual action, determine what you will do and share it with the group. When choosing a group action, determine who will take responsibility for different aspects of the action. These should be your primary considerations.

CLOSING INVITATION TO PRAY

Give thanks to God (aloud or silently) for new insights, for desires awakened, for directions clarified, for the gift of one another’s openness and sensitivity. Conclude with a final prayer.