

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a

A reading from the second book of Kings

One day Elisha went to the town of Shunem.
A rich woman lived there,
and she invited him for a meal.
Each time Elisha was in town after that,
he would eat at her home.

The woman said to her husband,
“I’m sure that this man who comes by here so often
is a holy man of God.
Let’s build him a small room on our flat roof.
We can put a bed, a table, a chair, and an oil lamp in the room.
He can stay there whenever he comes to visit us.”
The next time Elisha came to Shunem,
he spent the night in his room.

Elisha asked his servant Gehazi,
“What can we do to repay this woman for being so kind?”

Gehazi answered,
“She doesn’t have a son, and her husband is old.”

Elisha said to Gehazi,
“Tell the woman to come here.”
He told her,
and she came and stood in the doorway of the room.

Elisha promised the woman,
“Next year about this time you will have a son of your own.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:1–2, 15–16

All: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

*Our LORD, I will sing
of your love forever.
Everyone yet to be born
will hear me praise
your faithfulness.
I will tell them, "God's love
can always be trusted,
and his faithfulness lasts
as long as the heavens."*

All: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

*Our LORD, you bless those
who join in the festival
and walk in the brightness
of your presence.
We are happy all day
because of you,
and your saving power
brings honor to us.*

All: *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3–4, 8–9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Don't you know that all who share in Christ Jesus by being baptized
also share in his death?

When we were baptized,
we died and were buried with Christ.

We were baptized, so that we would live a new life,
as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

As surely as we died with Christ,
we believe we will also live with him.

We know that death no longer has any power over Christ.
He died and was raised to life,
never again to die.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL
Matthew 10:40–42

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.

“Anyone who welcomes a prophet, just because that person
is a prophet,
will be given the same reward as a prophet.

Anyone who welcomes a good person, just because that person is good,
will be given the same reward as a good person.

And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers
a cup of cool water,
just because that person is my follower,
will surely be rewarded.”

The Gospel of the Lord.