

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Pause - and look up at the assembly

One day Elisha was passing through Shunem,
where a wealthy woman lived,
who urged him to have a meal.
So whenever he passed that way,
he would stop there for a meal.
She said to her husband,
“Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way
is a holy man of God.
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 he can stay there whenever he comes to us.”
One day when Elisha came there,
he went up to the chamber and lay down there.
He said to his servant Gehazi,
“What then may be done for the woman?”
Gehazi answered,
“Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.”
Elisha said, “Call her.”
When the servant had called her, she stood at the door.
Elisha said,
“At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.”

Shunem = SHOO-nem

Elisha = ih-LIGH-shuh

Gehazi = gih-HAY-zigh

PAUSE for **THREE** seconds
then look up at the people
and say SLOWLY:



The WORD of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – A 13

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

Pause – and look up at the assembly

Brothers and sisters:

All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death.

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.

But if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL READING – A 13

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his Apostles:

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me
is not worthy of me;
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me
is not worthy of me;
and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me
is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds their life will lose it,
and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet
will receive a prophet’s reward;

and whoever welcomes a righteous person
in the name of a righteous person
will receive the reward of the righteous;

and whoever gives even a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple –
truly I tell you –
that person will not lose their reward.”



The GOSPEL of the LORD.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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