

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FutureChurch Online Liturgy of the Word

Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of our God, who loves us into being,
Of Christ Jesus, who speaks us into freedom,
and the Spirit, who moves us into holiness,
(making the sign of the cross)

ALL: AMEN

Greeting

Leader:

The healing peace of Jesus,
the abundant Love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit
IS with you,

ALL: And also with you.

Introductory Remarks

Prepared by the Leader.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

Holy God,
You invite us to welcome your prophets and messengers,
And through Christ, you call us into community.

Help us to love You by loving all your beloved creation
Show us how to place the gifts you have given us at the service of all,
help us know that the cup of water given in your name
nourishes the one who gives and the one who receives.

Satisfy our thirst to know your presence here, now, and always.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus,
Who lives and thrives with you, with us all,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

ALL: AMEN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

****Texts have been adapted for inclusive/expansive language****

First Reading

Lector: A reading from Second Kings,

One day Elisha came to Shunem,
where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her.
Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine.

So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is sent by God.
Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof
and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp,
so that when he comes to us he can stay there."

Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.
Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?"

His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes!
She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years."
Elisha said, "Call her."
When she came and stood at the door,
Elisha promised, "This time next year
you will be holding a baby in your arms."

All: The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalmist: The response is:
"Forever I will sing your goodness, O God."
R: Forever I will sing your goodness, O God.

Your promises, O God, 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: Forever I will sing your goodness, O God.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
In the light of your countenance, O God, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
And through your justice they are exalted.
R: Forever I will sing your goodness, O God.

You are the splendor of their strength,
And by your favor our horn is exalted
For to you, O God, belongs our shield,
And the Holy One of Israel, our Sovereign.
R: Forever I will sing your goodness, O God.

Second Reading

Lector: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans,

Sisters and brothers:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with Christ through baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of God,
we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has power over him.

As to his death, he died to sin once and for all;
as to his life, he lives for God.

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin
and living for God in Christ Jesus.

ALL: The word of God
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor: "Alleluia! Raise the Gospel" by B. Farrell

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said:

"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 after me is not worthy of me.

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

"Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.
Whoever receives a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward,
and whoever receives the righteous
will receive a righteous reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, they will surely not lose their reward."

The Good News of Our Salvation

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

FAITH SHARING

Reflection

– CWP Video: www.catholicwomenpreach.org/preaching/06282020

Questions for Shared Reflection:

*In the first reading from 2nd Kings, the Shunammite woman makes special arrangements to welcome Elisha into her household. **Who are the prophets of today? How can you make space for their witness and words in your life?***

*Reflecting on the Gospel passage, Simone Davis, invites us to recognize our worthiness and to give freely of ourselves – in love – to God and neighbor. **How have you been slow to value of yourself? What have you been slow to share, to give up, to go without, in your life of discipleship? How might you begin to let go and put it at the service of God and others?***

CONCLUDING RITES

Closing Prayer

Leader: Nourished by God's word and strengthened by this community,
Let us pray together,

**ALL: Loving God, Holy One,
Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.
We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.
We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.
Help us to practice physical distancing, revealing to us new and creative ways to hold each other fast, so we may care for each other in tender solidarity.
Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,
You, the God who does not abandon,
You, the Holy One, breathing within us, breathing among us,
breathing around us, in our beautiful yet wounded world. AMEN**

Adapted from "Prayer during a Pandemic" by Sr. Chris Koellhoffer, IHM

Blessing

Leader: And may the God of hope fill us with every comfort and joy in believing.
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts and minds.
and may the Holy Spirit gift and guide us
(making Sign of the Cross) now and forever,

ALL: AMEN

Dismissal

Leader: Our time of prayer and reflection and we go to love God and to minister
to one another.

ALL: Thanks be to God!