

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*Jesus Christ leads us from death to life: let us give thanks and praise!*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

**Hymn**

**Meter: LM**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.  
Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now,  
And touching every place and time.  
In every insult, rift and war,  
Where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, where even hope has died.  
Women and men, in age and youth,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.  
Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

**Psalm**

**90:1-4, 12-16**

*God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.* (Acts 2:24)

*Death itself has been conquered by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Our baptismal sharing in his saving death bears fruit every time we avoid sin, every time we show love or mercy to another, and every time we choose God over self.*

O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.  
Before the mountains were born  
or the earth or the world brought forth,  
you are God, without beginning or end.  
You turn men back to dust

and say: "Go back, sons of men."  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.  
Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.  
In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.  
Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine in their children.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God**

**Hebrews 2:10**

It was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering.

The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace. (Rom 8:6)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Where, O death, is your victory?/Where, O death, is your sting?* (1 Cor 15:55)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

## Intercessions

Through the mystery of the sacraments, we share in Jesus' saving Death and Resurrection, and we look forward with hope to an eternity spent with him in heaven. With joy we ask our Savior:

**R/** May your kingdom come!

That we may extend your generous hospitality to all we meet: – welcoming others into our churches and our hearts. **R/**

That we may die to sin more and more each day: – and never tire of asking for forgiveness. **R/**

That we may sing of your goodness – with all our words and actions. **R/**

## **Personal intentions**

### **Our Father...**

*Father God, who are always faithful to your promises, strengthen the faith you gave to us at our baptism. Grant us the grace to stand strong in the victory your Son won for us, and to invite our brothers and sisters into your merciful love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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## Reading 1                      2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

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 a holy man of 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 the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

## Reading 2

## Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, 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.

## Gospel

## Matthew 10:37-42

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 his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his 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 because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's 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, he will surely not lose his reward."

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## **Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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