

Sunday 28 June 2026
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Jeremiah 28.1-9, 14a

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Hanan-iah announced,
in the temple,
that within two years,
the heavy burden
imposed by the king of Babylon
would be removed;
and the exiles,
and the treasures of the temple,
would return
from Babylon
to Jerusalem.

Jeremiah said, 'May the Lord indeed
fulfil the words
that you have spoken,
and bring back to this place
the treasures of the temple,
and all the exiles.

But listen now
to these words
that I speak to you, and to all the people.

From ancient times,
the prophets have spoken
to many great kingdoms and nations,
of famine, disease, and war.

But when a prophet
brings words
of comfort, and peace,

only when
the words of that prophet
come true

will it be known
that the Lord
has truly
sent a prophet.

For this is what the Lord Almighty,
the God of Israel,
truly says:

Beware, for this nation will continue
to be in chains,
serving the King of Babylon, who will rule
with a rod of iron.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 6.13-16, 23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now that God has brought you
from death to life,
you are no longer
under the law,
but under grace.

And sin
can no longer
rule over you.

This does not mean
that you are free to sin,
for you become like a servant
to the one you obey.

If you obey sin, you will die.
But if you serve God,
you will live - and live in righteousness.
So do not present yourself to sin,
to be used for wickedness,
but present yourself to God,
to be used for righteousness,
For the wage paid by sin
is death,
but the free gift of God
is eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 10.34-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Do not think
that I have come
to bring peace
to the earth;
for I bring
not peace, but a sword.

I have come to set a son against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
and a woman
against the mother of her husband.

Your enemies
will be members
of your own household.

For whoever loves father or mother
or son or daughter
more than me
is not worthy
to be my disciple.

And whoever does not
take up their cross
and follow me
is not worthy
to be my disciple.

Those who cling to their life
will lose it.

But those who lose their life
for my sake
will find it.

Whoever welcomes you
into their home
welcomes me;

and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me.

Whoever welcomes a prophet
as a prophet
will receive a prophet's reward.

Whoever welcomes
any righteous person
will receive the reward of the righteous.

And whoever gives even
a cup of water
to even the least
of my disciples -
truly I tell you, all these will receive their reward.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.