

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY



First Reading † 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A reading from the second book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-Shalishah, bringing the man of God bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in his sack. Elisha said,

‘Give it to the company to eat.’

But his servant replied,

‘How can I serve this to one hundred people?’

He insisted,

‘Give it to the company to eat, for the Lord says this,
“They will eat and have some left over.”’

He served them; they ate and there was some left over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 144:10-11.15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in sincerity.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading † Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you therefore to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you were called. With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another in love. Take every care to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, one body, and one Spirit, just as you were called in the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After this, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up onto the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. The Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

So Jesus, looking up and seeing that a large crowd was coming towards him, said to Philip,

‘Where are we to buy bread so that these people may have something to eat?’

He said this only to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him,

‘Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.’

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said,

‘There is a small boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that among so many?’

Jesus said,

‘Make the people sit down.’

There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down, as many as five thousand men. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were sitting there, and the same with the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied he said to his disciples,

‘Gather up the broken pieces left over, so that nothing is wasted.’

So they gathered up the pieces and filled twelve large baskets with scraps left over from the five barley loaves by those who had eaten. Seeing the sign that he had done, the people were saying,

‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

Jesus, realising that they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, withdrew back to the mountain alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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