

[105] **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** B

FIRST READING

They will eat and have some left over.

A reading from the second book of Kings

4:42-44

One day a man from the town of Baal Shalishah
came with some food for Elisha.
The man brought him twenty loaves of barley bread
that had been made from the first crop of grain.
He also brought some fresh heads of grain.

Elisha told his servant, "Let the people have it to eat."
His servant replied, "This isn't enough to feed a hundred people."
But Elisha told him, "Give the food to the people!
The Lord has said that when they are through eating,
there will be some left over."

The servant gave them the food.
And when they had finished eating,
there was some left over,
just as the Lord had promised.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

145:10-11, 15-16

*R. (see 16) You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs..*

All creation will thank you,
and your loyal people
will praise you.
They will tell about
your marvelous kingdom
and your power.

*R. You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs.*

Everyone depends on you,
and when the time is right,
you provide them with food.
By your own hand you satisfy
the desires of all who live.

*R. You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs.*

SECOND READING

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

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

As a prisoner of the Lord,

I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people
God has chosen to be his own.

Always be humble and gentle.

Patiently put up with each other and love each other.

Try your best to let God's Spirit keep your hearts united.

Do this by living at peace.

All of you are part of the same body.

There is only one Spirit of God,

just as you were given one hope

when you were chosen to be God's people.

We have only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

There is one God who is the Father of all people.

Not only is God above all others,

but he works by using all of us,

and he lives in all of us.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Luke 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jesus gave the people all the food they wanted.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to John

6:1-15

Jesus crossed Lake Galilee, which was also known as Lake Tiberias.

A large crowd had seen him work miracles to heal the sick,
and those people went with him.
It was almost time for the Jewish festival of Passover,
and Jesus went up on a mountain with his disciples and sat down.

When Jesus saw the large crowd coming toward him, he asked Phillip,
“Where will we get enough food to feed all these people?”
He said this to test Phillip,
since he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered,
“Don’t you know that it would take almost a year’s wages
just to buy only a little bread for each of these people?”

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the disciples.
He spoke up and said,
“There is a boy here who has five small loaves of barley bread
and two fish.
But what good is that with all these people?”

The ground was covered with grass,
and Jesus told his disciples to have everyone sit down.
About five thousand men were in the crowd.

Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave thanks to God.
Then he passed the bread to the people,
and he did the same with the fish,
until everyone had plenty to eat.
The people ate all they wanted,
and Jesus told his disciples to gather up the leftovers,
so that nothing would be wasted.
The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets
with what was left over from the five barley loaves.

After the people had seen Jesus work this miracle,
they began saying,
“This must be the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

Jesus realized that they would try to force him to be their king.
So he went up on a mountain, where he could be alone.

The gospel of the Lord.

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Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for always taking care of us. Help us always to trust in your love and care.
In Your name, we pray.
Amen

Readings:

2 Kings	4:42-44
Psalms	145:10-11, 15-16
Ephesians	4:1-6
John	6:1-15

Reflection:

How many times have you been out somewhere with your Mom and your stomach starts to rumble? "Mom, I'm hungry," you say. Like magic, she reaches into her purse and pulls out some crackers or cookies. Today's Gospel story is a lot like that. Jesus is preaching until dinner time. The people are away from home and are getting very hungry. The only foods the apostles can find are 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. They begin to worry because there are over 5000 people. It's not like they can run to the grocery store to buy food and even if they could it would cost way too much. They take the little food they found to Jesus. He blesses it and tells them to start passing it out. Not only did everyone get enough to eat there was also a lot left over. Jesus does that for us too and not just with food. When we are tired, hungry, sad, lonely...he takes care of us. This makes us feel better and also frees us to share all that we have with others because we know that God will always provide what we need.

Activity

Preparation – invite some pre-school age children to come to class.

This week's activity is a continuation of the last 2 weeks' activities.

We have been talking about being prophets. We know God calls each of us to proclaim the Good News so this week each small group should teach a small group of pre-schoolers about the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. They should include telling the story, sharing a prayer and then they can do a skit, play a game, sing a song, do a craft, etc.