

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

2 August 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this:

"Everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

"Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

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

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made. ***R.***

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

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Roman
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist,
he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it,
they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

Then it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,
"This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;
send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages
and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them,
"They need not go away;
you give them something to eat."

They replied,
"We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."
And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then Jesus ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
he looked up to heaven,
and blessed and broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled;
and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces,
twelve baskets full.

And those who ate were about five thousand men,
besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.