

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

25 July 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of Kings

A man came bringing food from the first fruits
to Elisha, the man of God:

twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack.

Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

But his servant said,

"How can I set this before a hundred people?"

So Elisha repeated,

"Give it to the people and let them eat,

for thus says the Lord,

"They shall eat and have some left."

The servant set it before them,

they ate, and had some left,

according to the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

R. You open your hand to feed us, Lord;

You answer all our needs.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power. ***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 him,
to all who call on him in truth. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians
I, the prisoner in the lord,
beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, hearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

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

Gospel

John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy gospel according to John
Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee,
also called the Sea of Tiberias.

A large crowd kept following him,
because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.
Jesus went up the mountain
and sat down there with his disciples.
Now the Passover festival was near.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him,
Jesus said to Philip,
"Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

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

Philip answered him,
"Six months' wages would not buy enough bread
for each of them to get a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,
said to Jesus,

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.
But what are they among so many people?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."
Now there was a great deal of grass in the place;
so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Then Jesus took the loaves,
and when he had given thanks,
he distributed them to those who were seated;
so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples,
"Gather up the fragments left over,
so that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up,
and from the fragments of the five barley loaves,
left by those who had eaten,
they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done,
they began to say,

"This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come
and take him by force to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.