

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon:

*O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

Entrance Hymn: "Table of Plenty" (Dan Schutte)

*R. Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.*

*1. O come and sit at My table, where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of My love. R.*

*2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life. R.*

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

Responsorial Psalm: *The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.*

Second Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

One does not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over — twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

Homily

Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.*

*God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.*

*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.*

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Universal Prayer: Our response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Instrumental Offertory Hymn

Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon: *You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Communion Hymn: "Behold the Lamb" (Martin Willett)

- 1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for His gift, thankful for His love.*
- R. Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
And all, all who dwell in God shall come to know His glory.*
- 2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine, untied with His Word and the love we share. R.*
- 3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace. R.*

Concluding Rites

Instrumental Recessional Hymn

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

*Father, in Your plan for salvation, You provide shepherds for Your people.
Fill Your Church with the spirit of courage and love.
Raise up worthy ministers for Your altars, and ardent, but gentle, servants of the gospel.
Bless our Archdiocese with numerous vocations to the sacred priesthood.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You
And the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Act of Spiritual Communion (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

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