



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th July 2024

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The love of God is a generous love, given to each of us.  
A generous love that asks his people, to make his generosity visible through the way we treat others.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right and just.

### SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

### CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.  
Go in peace.  
Thanks be to God..



**“DO NOT CAST ME OFF IN MY OLD AGE”**

(cf. Psalm 71:9)



The generosity of Jesus is never exhausted; he is like the host or hostess who prepares too much. He fed the crowds, and much was left over; the disciples collected the leftover fragments, and we might say that what was left over would

be the bread of life for the world for all times. What he gave to the crowds was himself, and this is what is given at every Mass.

The eucharist is not just eating – it is sharing. The people sat in groups and maybe they shared with each other. They just didn't each come up and get a fish or piece of bread. They ate together and all had the same menu. When the people gathered and shared what they had equally they found that what had seemed like scarcity was actually abundance.

Did they know where the bread and fish came from? The bread and fish, the food of the poor, was shared by the young boy. The boy could probably only have afforded enough for himself. Still, he gave it away!

We can give thanks for the bread of the Eucharist, but also for the people who prepare our ordinary meals. They are doing a holy thing!

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### Jesus' Story

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Jesus liked parties because people were happy and there was good food and drink for everyone. In today's story, a little boy gives Jesus his lunch to help to feed people who are hungry. Jesus tells us that when we do a kind action, when we share and put others first we give a blessing to them.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in  
his house; he himself gives might and  
strength to his people.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the  
nations into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You will come in glory with salvation  
for your people:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us...  
**Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, protector of those who hope in  
you, without whom nothing has firm  
foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in  
abundance your mercy upon us and  
grant that, with you as our ruler and  
guide, we may use the good things that  
pass in such a way as to hold fast even  
now to those that ever endure.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44**

*A reading from the second book of Kings.*  
A man came from Baal-shalishah,  
bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread  
from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves  
and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to  
the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his  
servant replied, 'How can I serve this to  
a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to  
eat' he insisted 'For the Lord says this,  
'They will eat and have some left over.'  
He served them; they ate and had some

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps 144:10-11, 15-18*

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,  
and grant our desires.**

- All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign  
and declare your might, O God. **[R]**
- The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due  
time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **[R]**
- The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6**

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul's to the  
Ephesians.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you  
to lead a life worthy of your vocation.  
Bear with one another charitably, in  
complete selflessness, gentleness and  
patience. Do all you can to preserve  
the unity of the Spirit by the peace that  
binds you together. There is one Body,  
one Spirit, just as you were all called into  
one and the same hope when you were  
called. There is one Lord, one faith, one  
baptism, and one God who is Father of  
all, through all and within all.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**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 off to the other side of the  
Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a  
large crowd followed him, impressed  
by the signs he gave by curing the sick.  
Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down  
there with his disciples. It was shortly  
before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds  
approaching and said to Philip, 'Where

denarii would only buy enough to give  
them a small piece each.' One of his  
disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,  
said, 'There is a small boy here with five  
barley loaves and two fish; but what is  
that between so many?' Jesus said to  
them, 'Make the people sit down.' There  
was plenty of grass there, and as many  
as five thousand men sat down. Then  
Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and  
gave them out to all who were sitting  
ready; he then did the same with the  
fish, giving out as much as was wanted.  
When they had eaten enough he said  
to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left  
over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So  
they picked them up, and filled twelve  
hampers with scraps left over from the  
meal of five barley loaves. The people,  
seeing this sign that he had given, said,  
'This really is the prophet who is to come  
into the world'. Jesus, who could see  
they were about to come and take him by  
force and make him king, escaped back  
to the hills by himself.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE 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,

*All bow for following three lines:*

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.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Pray brothers and sisters, .....*