

XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 70 (69):2

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

Reading 1

Is 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

Psalm 145

The hand of the Lord feeds us: He answers all our needs.

Reading 2

Rom 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.

Alleluia

Mt 4:4b

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

Gospel
Mt 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.

Offertory Antiphon
Cf. Ex 32:11 – 14

Moses prayed in the sight of the Lord his God, and said;

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“Why, O Lord, is Your anger enkindled against Your people?

Let the anger of Your spirit cease.

Be mindful of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

To whom You swore to give a land flowing with milk and honey.”

And the Lord was appeased from the evil which He said He would inflict upon His people.

Communion Antiphon
Wis 16:20

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

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

And do thou, O prince of the heavenly host,

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.