

# TODAY'S MASS

25th July 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

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

## THE COLLECT

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, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Kings 4:42-44

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 over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Ps 144: 10-11.15-18. R.v16

**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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

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!

Lk 7:16

## GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 can we buy some bread for these people to eat?'  
He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he  
was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred 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.**

## 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. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5:7-8

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.**

## 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.

