

# HYMNS & READINGS

25TH JULY, 2021

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## INTROIT

THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's  
dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

## COLLECT

Let us pray.  
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.

**Amen.**

## First reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

**They will eat, and have some left over**  
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 left over, as the Lord had  
said.

## Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

*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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

## **Second reading Ephesians 4:1-6**

**One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one  
faith, one baptism, one God**

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, over all, through all and within all.

## **Gospel Acclamation cf. Jn6:63,68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel John 6:1-15**

### **The feeding of the five thousand**

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.

### **OFFERTORY**

All hail the power of Jesu's name;  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,  
Who fixed this floating ball;  
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call;  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthrall,

Lift high the universal song,  
And crown him Lord of all.

### **COMMUNION**

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
In the pastures green;  
Faithful Shepherd, lead me  
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me  
In the narrow way;  
So, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
To the heavenly shore;  
May my faith grow clearer,  
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,  
Every gift and pain;  
Be thyself my treasure,  
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me  
As thou seest best,  
Then let angels bear me  
To thy promised rest.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
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.  
**Amen.**

## THE ANGELUS

Ÿ. The Angel of the LORD declared  
unto Mary,

Ṛ. And she conceived of the Holy  
Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the LORD is  
with thee: blessed art thou amongst  
women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of  
God, pray for us sinners, now and at  
the hour of our death.

Ÿ. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

Ṛ. Be it done unto me according to thy  
word.

Hail Mary, ...

Ÿ. And the Word was made flesh.

Ṛ. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Ÿ. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Ṛ. That we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.

Let us pray,

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O  
LORD, Thy grace into our hearts; that,  
we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ,  
Thy Son, was made known by the  
message of an angel, may by His  
Passion and Cross be brought to the  
glory of His Resurrection. Through the  
same Christ our Lord.

Ṛ. Amen.

## RECESSION

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.