

to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,  
for you have called us out of darkness  
into your own wonderful light.  
And so, with the Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

**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.**

The mystery of faith.      **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

*Communion Antiphon:*      **Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits. Psalm 102:2**

REFLECTION:

I lived on the shady side of the road and watched my neighbours' gardens across the way revelling in the sunshine. I felt I was poor and from door to door went in my hunger. The more they gave me from their careless abundance the more I became aware of my beggar's bowl. Till one morning I awoke from my sleep at the sudden opening of my door and you came and asked for alms. In despair I broke open the lid of my chest and was startled into finding my own wealth.

*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. **Amen.**

*Final Blessing:*

The Lord be with you.  
May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**And with your spirit.  
Amen.  
Thanks be to God.**

Make us worthy Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and love.

*Mother Theresa*

## Seventeenth Sunday of the Year B



*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.**

Christ fed the hungry, and did so with great generosity. Here he feeds us with the food of the Eucharist. We receive this precious food, not because we are worthy of it, but because we need it and he invites us to receive it.

Lord, you give food in due time to all those who look up to you.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord, you are just in all your ways and loving in all your deeds.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, you are close to all who call on you from their hearts.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Glorify 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.**

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, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Kings

2 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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 144

**Response: 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.

**Response**

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.

**Response**

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.

**Response**

SECOND READING:

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,**

**so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

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, 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.**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and  
in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third  
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will  
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of  
sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

*Offertory:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and  
glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*Prayer over the Offering:*

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.**

*Preface:*

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery,  
he accomplished the marvellous deed,  
by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,  
summoning us to the glory of being now called  
a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
a people for your own possession,

**And with your spirit.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**It is right and just.**