

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 25, 2021

### PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19

#### HYMN – 1 (1, 4) *Hymn of Faith*

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God, Before Thine altar, Father;  
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts; This supplication answer.  
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord.  
Bless us, O God, O Father, bless our toil!

Under Thy cross we stand prepared To serve Thee with devotion,  
Be it with sweat of blood or tears, Or humble resignation.  
For we Thy people are, O Lord;  
Save us, O God, O Father, bless our toil!

#### ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For the Lord has chosen Zion; He prefers her for His dwelling: “Zion is My resting place forever.”

R. “In her I will dwell, for I prefer her. I will bless her with abundant provision, her poor I will fill with bread.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

#### THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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

Blessed are You, Lord our God, for Your Son Jesus multiplied bread for the poor. Help us, who are nourished with the life of Your Son, understand that we, like the apostles, must share our material goods with our brethren. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. R. Amen.

## FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

## SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## ALLELUIA VERSE Psalm 78:29

Alleluia, Alleluia.

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

## THE GOSPEL John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.”

One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

When the people saw the sign He had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

### REFLECTION – *from The Word Among Us*

*A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing. (John 6:2)*

If you want a key to understanding the Gospel of John, you could probably do no better than to focus on the word “sign.” In the first half of his Gospel (chapters 1-11), John recounts seven signs, or miracles, that Jesus performed. Then in the second half (chapters 12-21), he devotes all his time to the greatest sign of all: Jesus’ cross and resurrection.

In today’s Gospel, we see a large crowd following Jesus because they were impressed by these signs. Who else could turn water into wine or raise a dead boy with a mere word? They wanted to see more, and Jesus didn’t let them down. He performed yet another sign: feeding more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fishes!

Over the next few Sundays, we will hear how Jesus explains this miracle and how important it is for us. He’ll tell us that this multiplied bread points to the true Bread of Life—his own Eucharistic flesh, which he will give “for the life of the world” (John 6:51). He’ll tell us that this special Bread of Life is greater even than the manna that Moses gave the Israelites in the desert (6:32). And best of all, he’ll promise to raise up “on the last day” everyone who eats this bread with faith and trust in him (6:54).

These are only three of the many promises Jesus has made to us. He promises to be with us, to teach us, to heal us, and to lift us up. He promises to feed us with his very life, and after this life, he promises to open heaven itself for us. This is how good Jesus is!

Today is a perfect day to sing the words “turn your eyes to Jesus . . . . “ from our beautiful hymn as you fix your eyes on Jesus, the Bread of Life offered at Mass, and thank him for everything he has promised you. It’s also a perfect day to tell him that you want to keep following him so that you can receive each and every blessing he has in store for you.

*“Thank you, Jesus, for giving us your Bread of Life!”*

*(A few moments for silent reflection)*

### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come.  
Amen.

### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, accept in this sacrifice of Your Son our gifts of bread and wine. Unite us around Your altar that we may live a life worthy of Your calling, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. R. Amen.

### **OUR FATHER**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and

unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

**COMMUNION VERSE** Isaiah 58:14b

I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of Your love, which comes to us in this Sacred Meal, teach us to live as You would have us live, so that we may find You in our midst where it pleases You to dwell. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. R. Amen.

**PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY**

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all people. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**THE ANGELUS – ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary ...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to your word.  
Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made Flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ☩ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** *I Am the Bread of Life* (1 & 2)

I am the bread of life, they who come to me shall not hunger;

They who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the father draw them.

*(refrain)* And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
And I will raise them up on the last day.

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
And they who eat of this bread,  
They shall live forever, they shall live forever. *(refrain)*

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