

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sunday July 25, 2021



Table of Plenty
Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

Penitential Rite

Gloria

Glory to 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 sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sin 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

I Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us;
He Answers All Our Needs

II Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
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Gospel John 6:1-15

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.

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.

Universal Prayer

We pray to the Lord – **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Holy

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
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord until you come again

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.

The Feast Meant for Everyone

Refrain

Oh how great is the love of God in this body broken,
this saving blood.
Oh how great is the love of God here in the feast
meant for everyone, here in the feast meant for
everyone.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most
Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I
desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at
this moment receive You sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if
You were already there, and unite myself wholly to
You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

We Are the Light of the World

Jean Anthony Greif

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit;
Bless us, O Lord, our God

**We are the light of the world;
May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do,
and give glory to God.**

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TODAY'S READINGS

1. 2Kings 4: 42-44

The early chapters of the 2nd Book of Kings trace the ministry of Elisha, the successor of the great prophet Elijah. Prior to the actions recorded in today's excerpt, Elisha purified a spring, supplied oil to a poverty-stricken widow, gave a son to a barren woman, raised that son when he died and purified a pot of poisoned stew. In all these, Elisha reminds his contemporaries that God was mindful of their needs. In feeding the 100 with a small amount of bread, the prophet, once again, assures them that God has the power to satisfy every hunger, with leftover to boot. Such will be the bounty to people of faith.

But an apostate monarchy, devoid of faith, refusing to recognize God's sovereignty over Israel, continues to pursue its own agenda.

2. Ephesians 4: 1-6

Paul's dedication to his work as Christ's apostle has landed him in prison, a situation which gives authority to his present exhortation. Just as God's sufficient grace enables Paul to withstand this imprisonment for the sake of his ministry, so would that same grace enable the readers to live in a manner worthy of their calling. And what manner would that be? Paul is very explicit; through the power of the cross, they are to live as one family, a unity born of the cross, through mutual respect, humble patience and gentle love, showing to the world the face of Christ Himself.

3. John 6: 1-15

The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four Gospels. A crowd of people has followed Jesus to a mountain, reminiscent of Moses' experience on the Mountain of Sinai. What began with Moses is about to be fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus Himself is concerned about the crowd's hunger. Encountering the doubts of His disciples, Jesus Himself takes charge and sees to the feeding of the crowd. The story is filled with Eucharistic overtones, that it was near Passover, the thanksgiving and distributing, the gathering of the fragments. This miracle leads people to make a profession of faith, acknowledging Jesus as prophet and king.

Reflections for the Week

1. Among your inadequacies, which can you entrust to Christ's care? Are there any you feel you need to deal with on your own? Why?
2. What hungers do you have besides physical hunger? Do you turn to God to help satisfy these?
3. "Gather the fragments left over," Jesus says. What are the excesses in your life? Do you share them? How could you do that better?