

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

‘Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145(144)

**R/ You open your hand
and fulfil us, O Lord.**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the LORD to all,

compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

The eyes of all look 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 LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.

The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R/**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4b

Alleluia . . . **Alleluia . . .**

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God.

Alleluia . . .

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ But Jesus said, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

