

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time
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The two readings and the Gospel are related to one theme. In the reading of Isaiah 58:7-10 the Lord is asking us to “share your bread with the hungry”, “shelter the oppressed and homeless”, “Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.” In the Gospel, Jesus is telling us to let your light shine forth. In reading this Gospel we are being asked to use our God given talents to help one another. The theme is that we need to release our gifts and our talents for the greater good. However, in the second reading there is a caveat that I translate to mean, we must be humble when using our gifts and faith; “so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God”. Lest we become salt that loses its taste and is no longer good for anything.

Jesus is calling each of us to be the light and use our God given talents to shine forth for his glory in building up the kingdom of God. You are the salt and the light. Shine forth in the wisdom of God.