

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1–3

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The LORD says this:
If you are thirsty,
 come and drink water!
If you don't have any money,
 buy food and eat it.
Come and buy wine and milk
 without paying a cent.
Why waste your money
 on something less than food?
Why work hard for something
 that doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me,
 and you will enjoy
 the very best foods.
Listen carefully! Come to me,
 and you will live.
I will promise you
 the eternal love and loyalty
 that I promised David.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:8–9, 15–16

All: *You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs.*

*You are merciful, LORD!
You are kind and patient
and always loving.
You are good to everyone,
and you take care
of all your creation.*

All: *You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs.*

*Everyone depends on you,
and when the time is right,
you provide them with food.
By your own hand you satisfy
the desires of all who live.*

All: *You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37–39

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Can anything separate us from the love of Christ?

Can trouble, suffering, and hard times,
or hunger and nakedness, or danger and death?

In everything we have won more than a victory
because of Christ who loves us.

I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—
not life or death, not angels or spirits,
not the present or the future,
and not powers above or powers below.

Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us
in Christ Jesus our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL
Matthew 14:13–21

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus heard about John,
he crossed Lake Galilee to go to some place
where he could be alone.
But the crowds found out and followed him on foot from the towns.
When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw the large crowd.
He felt sorry for them and healed everyone who was sick.

That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said,
“This place is like a desert, and it is already late.
Let the crowds leave,
so they can go to the villages and buy some food.”

Jesus replied, “They don’t have to leave.
Why don’t you give them something to eat?”
But they said, “We have only five small loaves of bread
and two fish.”

Jesus asked his disciples to bring the food to him,
and he told the crowd to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five
loaves and the two fish.
He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the
bread and handed it to his disciples,
and they gave it to the people.

After everyone had eaten all they wanted,
Jesus’ disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers.
There were about five thousand men who ate,
not counting the women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.