

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008

## First Reading

Is. 55:1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

*Hasten and eat*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have 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 carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

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

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
How good is the Lord to all,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him  
call on him from their hearts. R.

## Second Reading

Rom. 8:31b-39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ*

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will

bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced 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. Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mtt. 14:13-21

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

℟: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*They all ate and were satisfied*

Now when Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard of this, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

For the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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