

Daily Reading for Sunday, July 25th, 2021

Reading 1, *Second Kings 4:42-44*

⁴² A man came from Baal-Shalishah, bringing the man of God bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain still in the husk. 'Give it to the company to eat,' Elisha said. ⁴³ But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the company to eat,' he insisted, 'for Yahweh says this, "They will eat and have some left over." ' ⁴⁴ He served them; they ate and had some left over, as Yahweh had said.

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18*

¹⁰ All your creatures shall thank you, Yahweh, and your faithful shall bless you. ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingship and tell of your might,

¹⁵ All look to you in hope and you feed them with the food of the season.

¹⁶ And, with generous hand, you satisfy the desires of every living creature.

¹⁷ Upright in all that he does, Yahweh acts only in faithful love. ¹⁸ He is close to all who call upon him, all who call on him from the heart.

Reading 2, *Ephesians 4:1-6*

¹ I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you therefore to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you were called. ² With all humility and gentleness, and with patience, support each other in love. ³ Take every care to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. ⁴ There is one Body, one Spirit, just as one hope is the goal of your calling by God. ⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ and one God and Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel, *John 6:1-15*

¹ After this, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee -- or of Tiberias- ² and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he had done in curing the sick. ³ Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ The time of the Jewish Passover was near. ⁵ Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this only to put Philip to the test; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would not buy enough to give them a little piece each.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, ⁹ 'Here is a small boy with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that among so many?' ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were sitting there; he then did the same with the fish, distributing as much as they wanted. ¹² When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing is wasted.' ¹³ So they picked them up and filled twelve large baskets with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. ¹⁴ Seeing the sign that he had done, the people said, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ Jesus, as he realised they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, fled back to the hills alone.