

**SACRED HEART**  
**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**25 July 2021**

The Gospel today could be a continuation of Mark 6:35 as last week, but it develops into something much bigger. It begins in the same way as Mark, with the miracle of the loaves and fishes. John's account differs in some ways: John mentions that it was shortly before the Passover. The dialogue between Jesus and named disciples, Philip (who is being tested by Jesus but does not realize it) and Andrew, is not in Mark, nor is the small boy with the loaves and fishes. Finally the comment of the people afterwards, 'This is truly the prophet, the one who is to come into the world' and the reaction of Jesus to escape to the hills to avoid being made king, are only found in John. What he does not say is the number of people. This whole chapter is John's account of the Eucharist, which is missing from his Last Supper narrative.

In 1R we find a parallel incident in the story of Elisha, who had succeeded Elijah as a prophet. This took place during a famine, so the need for food was more urgent, unlike in the Gospel. There is the same doubt about what is being asked - twenty loaves between a hundred men? - but the same confidence, subsequently fulfilled, that God will provide.

2R is a famous passage from Ephesians, about the unity there must be among us. We could add, 'one bread, one body.'

Prelude: Suite 2 (Guilain)

## Introductory Rites

Opening Song: Table of Plenty (Schutte)

**COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND EARTH!  
COME TO THE TABLE OF PLENTY!  
GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL THAT WE NEED,  
HERE AT THE TABLE OF PLENTY.**

**O come and sit at my table  
where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love.**

**COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND EARTH! ...  
O come and eat without money;  
come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
with faith and fullness of life.**

**COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND EARTH! ...  
My bread will ever sustain you  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of your soul.**

**COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND EARTH! ...  
Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil.**

**COME TO THE FEAST OF HEAVEN AND EARTH! ...**

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Glory to God: Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,  
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,  
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL.**

We praise you, we bless you,  
We adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy of us.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD,  
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE,  
PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. AMEN.**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 145: You open your hand (Jakob)

**You open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

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Second Reading:

Gospel Greeting: Salisbury Alleluia (Walker)

A great prophet has risen in our midst.  
God has visited his people.

Homily

Creed

Universal Prayer

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: How great thou art (Hine)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;  
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!  
THEN SINGS MY SOUL, MY SAVIOR GOD, TO THEE;  
HOW GREAT THOU ART, HOW GREAT THOU ART!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL...**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin!**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL...**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

**THEN SINGS MY SOUL...**

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Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

## Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Communion Song: The Supper of the Lord (Rosania)

**PRECIOUS BODY, PRECIOUS BLOOD,  
SEEN AS BREAD AND WINE;  
HERE THE LORD PREPARES THE FEAST DIVINE.  
BREAD OF LOVE IS BROKEN NOW,  
CUP OF LIFE IS Poured:  
COME, SHARE THE SUPPER OF THE LORD.**

**This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n,  
giving life to us, to all the world.**

**“I am the living spring of eternal life;  
you that drink from me shall not thirst again.”**

**“I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you;  
you that eat this bread shall never die.”**

**“All those who feed on me have their life in me,  
as I have my life in the living God.”**

**All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast;  
in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.**

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Post-Communion: Blessed are the clean of heart (Jakob)

**Blessed are the clean of heart  
for they shall see, they shall see God.  
Blessed are those who strive for peace.  
They shall be called the children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice.  
They possess, they possess, they possess the kingdom of heaven.**

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## Concluding Rite

Closing Song: Sent by the Lord am I

**Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.  
Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love,  
of justice and of peace.  
The task is mine to do  
to set it really free.  
O help us to obey;  
help me to do your will.**

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Postlude: Fugue in G minor (Charpentier)

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