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*Sunday*

Reading 1 2 Kgs 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God,  
twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits,  
and fresh grain in the ear.

Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat."

But his servant objected,

"How can I set this before a hundred people?"

Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat."

"For thus says the LORD,

'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"

And when they had eaten, there was some left over,  
as the LORD had said.

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

R. (cf. 16) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand

and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.

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Reading 2 Eph 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord,  
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,  
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another through love,  
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace:  
one body and one Spirit,  
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst.

God has visited his people.

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Gospel Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee.  
A large crowd followed him,  
because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.  
Jesus went up on the mountain,  
and there he sat down with his disciples.  
The Jewish feast of Passover was near.  
When Jesus raised his eyes  
and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,  
he said to Philip,  
“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”  
He said this to test him,  
because he himself knew what he was going to do.  
Philip answered him,  
“Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough  
for each of them to have a little.”  
One of his disciples,  
Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,  
“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?”  
Jesus said, “Have the people recline.”  
Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.  
So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.  
Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and distributed them to those who were reclining,  
and also as much of the fish as they wanted.  
When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples,  
“Gather the fragments left over,  
so that nothing will be wasted.”  
So they collected them,  
and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments  
from the five barley loaves  
that had been more than they could eat.  
When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,  
“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”  
Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off  
to make him king,  
he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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tablets that were made by God,  
having inscriptions on them that were engraved by God himself.  
Now, when Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting,  
he said to Moses, "That sounds like a battle in the camp."  
But Moses answered, "It does not sound like cries of victory,  
nor does it sound like cries of defeat;  
the sounds that I hear are cries of revelry."  
As he drew near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing.  
With that, Moses' wrath flared up, so that he threw the tablets down  
and broke them on the base of the mountain.  
Taking the calf they had made, he fused it in the fire  
and then ground it down to powder,  
which he scattered on the water and made the children of Israel drink.

Moses asked Aaron, "What did this people ever do to you  
that you should lead them into so grave a sin?"  
Aaron replied, "Let not my lord be angry.  
You know well enough how prone the people are to evil.  
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as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt,  
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"You have committed a grave sin.  
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"Ah, this people has indeed committed a grave sin  
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If you would only forgive their sin!  
If you will not, then strike me out of the book that you have written."  
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Responsorial Psalm PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

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and adored a molten image;  
They exchanged their glory  
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They forgot the God who had saved them,  
who had done great deeds in Egypt,  
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,

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Alleluia Jas 1:18

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Gospel Mt 13:31-35

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“The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed

that a person took and sowed in a field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds,

yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush,

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As Moses came down from Mount Sinai  
with the two tablets of the commandments in his hands,  
he did not know that the skin of his face had become radiant  
while he conversed with the LORD.

When Aaron, then, and the other children of Israel saw Moses  
and noticed how radiant the skin of his face had become,  
they were afraid to come near him.

Only after Moses called to them did Aaron  
and all the rulers of the community come back to him.

Moses then spoke to them.

Later on, all the children of Israel came up to him,  
and he enjoined on them all that the LORD  
had told him on Mount Sinai.

When he finished speaking with them,  
he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses entered the presence of the LORD to converse with him,  
he removed the veil until he came out again.

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On coming out, he would tell the children of Israel  
all that had been commanded.

Then the children of Israel would see  
that the skin of Moses' face was radiant;  
so he would again put the veil over his face  
until he went in to converse with the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm PS 99:5, 6, 7, 9

R. (see 9c) Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his footstool;  
holy is he!

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;  
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for holy is the LORD, our God.

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

Alleluia Jn 8:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 11:19-27

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary  
to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died].

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,  
she went to meet him;  
but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,  
God will give you."

Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him,

"I know he will rise,  
in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her,

"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?"

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She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,  
the one who is coming into the world."

Or Lk 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village

where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.

She had a sister named Mary

who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,

"Lord, do you not care

that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?

Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

There is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part

and it will not be taken from her."

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*Thursday*

Reading 1 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Moses did exactly as the LORD had commanded him.

On the first day of the first month of the second year

the Dwelling was erected.

It was Moses who erected the Dwelling.

He placed its pedestals, set up its boards, put in its bars,

and set up its columns.

He spread the tent over the Dwelling

and put the covering on top of the tent,

as the LORD had commanded him.

He took the commandments and put them in the ark;

he placed poles alongside the ark and set the propitiatory upon it.

He brought the ark into the Dwelling and hung the curtain veil,

thus screening off the ark of the commandments,

as the LORD had commanded him.

Then the cloud covered the meeting tent,

and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling.

Moses could not enter the meeting tent,

because the cloud settled down upon it

and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling.

Whenever the cloud rose from the Dwelling,

the children of Israel would set out on their journey.

But if the cloud did not lift, they would not go forward;

only when it lifted did they go forward.

In the daytime the cloud of the LORD was seen over the Dwelling;

whereas at night, fire was seen in the cloud



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by the whole house of Israel  
in all the stages of their journey.

Responsorial Psalm PS 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11

R. (2) How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

My soul yearns and pines  
for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh  
cry out for the living God.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest

in which she puts her young—

Your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my king and my God!

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

Blessed they who dwell in your house!

continually they praise you.

Blessed the men whose strength you are!

They go from strength to strength.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

I had rather one day in your courts

than a thousand elsewhere;

I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

Alleluia See Acts 16:14b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 13:47-53

Jesus said to the disciples:

“The Kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea,  
which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore

and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous

and throw them into the fiery furnace,

where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”

“Do you understand all these things?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied,

“Then every scribe who has been instructed in the Kingdom of heaven

is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom

both the new and the old.”

When Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there.

*Friday*

Reading 1 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

The LORD said to Moses,

“These are the festivals of the LORD which you shall celebrate at their proper time with a sacred assembly.

The Passover of the LORD falls on the fourteenth day of the first month, at the evening twilight.

The fifteenth day of this month is the LORD’s feast of Unleavened Bread.

For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.

On the first of these days you shall hold a sacred assembly and do no sort of work.

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Then on the seventh day you shall again hold a sacred assembly and do no sort of work.”

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the children of Israel and tell them:

When you come into the land which I am giving you, and reap your harvest,

you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest, who shall wave the sheaf before the LORD that it may be acceptable for you.

On the day after the sabbath the priest shall do this.

“Beginning with the day after the sabbath, the day on which you bring the wave-offering sheaf, you shall count seven full weeks, and then on the day after the seventh week, the fiftieth day, you shall present the new cereal offering to the LORD.

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Responsorial Psalm PS 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab

R. (2a) Sing with joy to God our help.

Take up a melody, and sound the timbrel,  
the pleasant harp and the lyre.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon, on our solemn feast.

R. Sing with joy to God our help.

For it is a statute in Israel,  
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Alleluia 1 Pt 1:25

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Gospel Mt 13:54-58

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