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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

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.

2Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does
not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and the labor.

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

3Incline 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.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; tone 4



The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

9 Lord, you are | good to all, and your compassion is over | all your works.

14 The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord, and you give them their food

and you give them their food in due season.

16 You open | wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

17 You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works.

18 You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

19 You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you; you hear their | cry and save them.

continued



²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise ¹ of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- ¹ er and ever.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and

to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptistl, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to

eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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