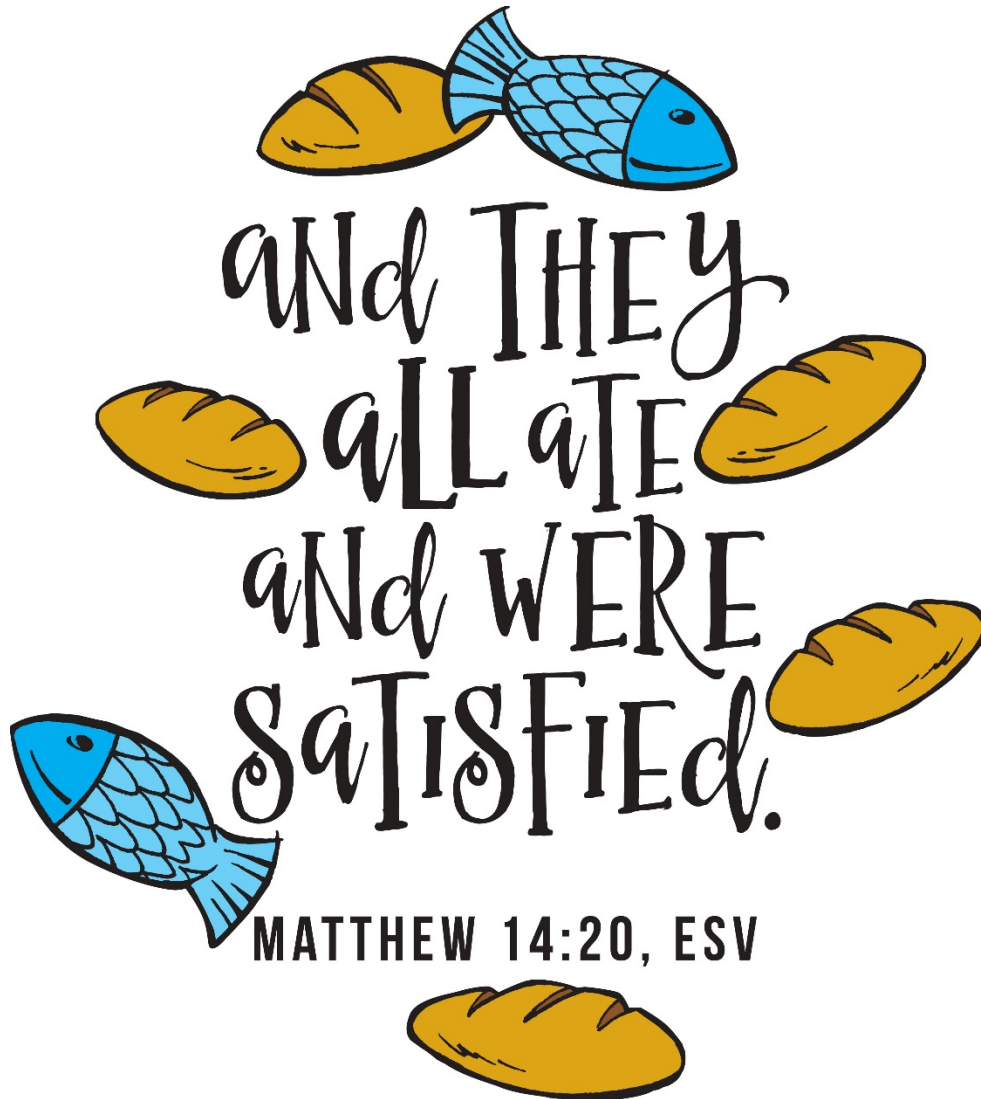


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Introduction

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

WELCOME

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

I Surrender

**Here I am down on my knees
again
Surrendering all, surrendering all
And find me here, Lord, as You
draw me near
I'm desperate for you, desperate
for you
I Surrender**

**Drenched my soul as mercy and
grace unfold
I hunger and thirst, I hunger and
thirst
With arms stretched wide, I know
You hear me cry
Speak to me now, Speak to me
now**

**I Surrender, I Surrender
I want to know you more
I want to know you more**

**I Surrender, I Surrender
I want to know you more
I want to know you more**

**Like a rushing wind
Jesus breathe within**

**Lord have your way
Lord have your way with me**

**Like a mighty storm
Stir within my soul
Lord have your way
Lord have your way with me**

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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

¹Ho, 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 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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

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

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

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

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

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,

to all who call upon you faithfully.

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

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

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

¹I 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

The holy gospel according Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Come To The Altar*

**Are you hurting and broken
within
Overwhelmed by the weight of
your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of
yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the
well
Jesus is calling**

**O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus
Christ**

**Leave behind your regrets and
mistakes
Come today there's no reason to
wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade
them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling**

**O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus
Christ**

**Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen**

**O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus
Christ**

**O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus
Christ**

**Bear your cross as you wait for
the crown
Tell the world of the treasure
you've found**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends

Lord, you are good to all:
hear our cry and save us.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took a towel and wrapped it around his waist, and washed the disciples' feet, saying: if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

And after supper, when he had gone out, Jesus said to the disciples: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

For where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, the body of Christ is present, with us always, to the end of the age.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN GRACE LIKE A WAVE

**You have brought me to the water
Where my past can be swept
away
In the current of your mercy
And I know I'll never be the same
There's no limit to your promise
Jesus you have done it all for me
Jesus you have done it all for me**

**Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over me
Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over and over and over**

Instrumental Break

**I will jump into the water
Where my soul can be satisfied
And your love is overflowing
From within me and it won't run
dry
There's no limit to your promise
Jesus you have done it all for me
Jesus you have done it all for me**

**Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over me
Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over and over and over**

**Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over me
Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over and over and over**

Instrumental Break

**There's healing in the water
With a love that flows so deep
Wash over me
Wash over me
Forgiveness in the water
With a love that flows so deep
Wash over me
Wash over me**

**Salvation in the water
With a love that flows so deep
Wash over me
Wash over me**

**Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over me
Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over and over and over**

**Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over me
Grace comes like a wave
Crashing over and over and over**

Instrumental Break and Pause

**There's healing in the water
With a love that flows so deep
Wash over me
Wash over me
Forgiveness in the water
With a love that flows so deep
Wash over me
Wash over me**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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