

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

In those days:

Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine.

He was priest of God Most High.

And he blessed Abram and said,

‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth;

and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord

THE RESPONSE TO THE PSALM IS:

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD's revelation to my lord:

‘Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.’

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD will send from Sion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of your foes.

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

With you is princely rule

on the day of your power.

In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,

I have begotten you.

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:

‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

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THE SECOND READING IS FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and Sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you;
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,
‘This is my body, which is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.’

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,
‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the
Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO LUKE

At that time:

Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing.

Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him,

‘Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.’

But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’

They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’

For there were about five thousand men.

And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’

And they did so, and made them all sit down.

And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them.

Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

And they all ate and were satisfied.

And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

The Gospel of The Lord

THE REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

I think, that bread and fish to eat would have been wonderful to eat. Remember what Jesus did to water, the sommelier said this is the best wine. It must have been like eating at Rules in Covent garden or Zedels brasserie near Piccadilly circus. It is for us his invitation to join with joy his company.

The best film about Jesus is called “Risen” where Jesus is seen with his disciples talking with them over a meal with smiles and laughter as with any good meal where everyone is appreciated for what they contribute.

Today’s Gospel is a promise of the riches of God, anyone who did their first communion here will remember I asked did God feed his people in the desert? and so did Jesus the Son of God feeds 5,000 people. God does this all the time, gives us enough of what we need.

The generosity of God in coming to us reflects the lovely Jewish tradition of hospitality, if someone is in the town square invite them to Shabbat – the sabbath meal – watch the series Chosen to see that example. You are welcome in heaven and people will be interested to see you. Our funerals always give that loving message to those who left us.

Jesus is giving us himself to draw us closer to him. To live discovering his way means to know his words and actions. He gave roles to each one of us, he listened to his disciples, he heard their concern for others safety and well-being, he asked them to do something, to organise others into groups and inspired them to motivate others

to wait, the crowds had heard him and could wait for what he would do.

In the film *Babette's Feast* a refugee in a remote Danish island receives news she has won the lottery. She spends the money on a feast for the villagers, ordering ingredients from Southern Europe. Her meal is so special the villagers in joy reconcile themselves with each other after any divisions and share their own goodness. She admits she had been a chef at the Café Anglais in Paris and wants to stay in the village with her people .