



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 19, 2018

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she
has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls,
she calls
from the highest places in the
town,

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have
mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14; tone 4



Fear the LORD,
you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD
lack nothing.
¹⁰The lions are in want
and ¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD
lack nothing ¹ that is good.
¹¹Come, children, and lis- ¹ ten to me;
I will teach you reverence
¹ for the LORD.

¹²Who among you takes plea-
¹ sure in life
and desires long life
to en- ¹ joy prosperity?
¹³Keep your ¹ tongue from evil
and your lips from ¹ lying words.
¹⁴Turn from evil ¹ and do good;
seek peace ¹ and pursue it.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the

Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have

eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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