

## READINGS FOR 28th July 2024 Trinity 9

### **2 Kings 4.42-44**

#### **Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men**

42 A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.'<sup>43</sup> But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' <sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

### **Psalms 145.10-19**

- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,
- <sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> The Lord is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

### **Ephesians 3.14-21**

#### **Prayer for the Readers**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to

comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **John 6.1-21**

### **Feeding the Five Thousand**

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After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'  
<sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.'  
<sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.'  
<sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.