

First reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

‘He fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know.’

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

Responsorial Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20 R 12

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

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O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command.

He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

‘Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.’

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Sequence

Lauda, Sion (shorter form)

Angels’ bread made pilgrims’ feeding
truly bread for children’s eating,
to dogs not to be offered.

Signed by Isaac on the altar,
by the lamb and paschal supper,
and in the manna figured.

Jesu, food and feeder of us,
here with mercy feed and friend us,
then grant in heaven felicity.

Lord of all, who here do feed us,
heav’nly guests, heirs, fellows make us,
in eternal company.

Amen. Alleluia.

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), translated by St Robert Southwell (c.1561-1595)

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51

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.**

Gospel John 6:51-58

‘My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, ‘I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’

So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.’ **Copyright: The readings are from the Jerusalem Bible published by Darton, Longman & Todd, Ltd 2019**

Feast days this week

Tuesday 9th June: St Columba (Colum Cille)

Thursday 11th June: St Barnabus

Friday 12th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 13th June: St Anthony of Padua

Cycle of Prayer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews

Background**Prayer**

*Let us pray also for the Jewish people,
to who the Lord our God spoke first,
that he may grant them to advance in love of his name
and in faithfulness to his covenant.*

*Almighty ever-living God,
who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his
descendants,
graciously bear the prayers of your Church,
that the people you first made your own
may attain the fullness of redemption.*

Roman Missal