

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."

## Homily Resources and Petitions for the

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B (29 July 2018)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

##### **2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came ... bringing to Elisha ... twenty barley loaves. ... Elisha said, 'Give it to the people to eat.' ... They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'

##### **Ephesians 4:1-6**

I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received.

##### **John 6:1-15**

Jesus said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for the large crowd to eat?' ... 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?' ... Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and as much of the fish as they wanted. ... 'Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.' So they ... filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments...

#### † Comment for the day:

Jesus' example of sharing what was at hand with all who were present challenges us also to see all that is at hand, even what we own, as something to be shared with others. There is plenty to go around. God gives in abundance. Everything in creation is a gift of the Creator. Nature is precious, and it is for all. Creation is a way God gives of Godself. God is present in all things.

† **Passages from Laudato Si' to note:**

Each creature has its own purpose. ... Everything is ... a caress of God. (#84) God has written a precious book, 'whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe.' ... The contemplation of creation allows us to discover in each thing a teaching that God wishes to hand on to us... (#85) Nature as a whole ... is a locus of God's presence. The Spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with God. (#88) All of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion that fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect. (#89)

The earth is essentially a shared inheritance whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. ... God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members, *without excluding or favoring anyone.* (#93) ... If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. (#95)

Jesus lived in full harmony with creation, and others were amazed. (#98) In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning. (#99)

### Related Prayers of the Faithful

**Option 1:** Lead us to see that the least of things are manifestations of your goodness, meant to enrich us all, let us pray to the Lord....

**Option 2:** Enable us to grasp the truth that You are present to us in every living creature, let us pray to the Lord....

### Further Resources

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