

Welcome to Worship

August 4th, 2024

Prelude

Veni Creator Spiritus ~ Leo Sowerby

Gathering Hymn

To You All Hearts Are Open ~ ACS 1012 (2x)

Prayer of the Day

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

Psalm 78:23-29

So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
**raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**
raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
**letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Hymn of the Day

O Bread of Life from Heaven ~ ELW 480

Musical Offering

Carillon ~ Leo Sowerby

Offertory Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken ~ ELW 494 (vs. 1-2)

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love ~ ELW 487

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ~ ELW 618

Postlude

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba ~ G.F. Handel

Flowers are in honor of Larry Cruz's Birthday