

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS [4:42-44]

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." 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.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 145:10-19 *(said by half-verse)*

- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- ¹¹ They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- ¹² That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- ¹⁴ The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- ¹⁵ The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁶ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁷ You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- ¹⁹ The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS [3:14-21]

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 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, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.