

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in June, 2022

Introduction

Leader During the miracle of the loaves and fishes, Jesus takes, blesses, breaks and gives food to the hungry. Today he continues to nourish us with his body and blood. What a great gift.

Opening Prayer

All Generous God, your gift of Jesus in the Eucharist nourishes our spirits to help us with the challenges in the journey of our lives. We return thanks for this gift of Jesus' body and blood so freely given. May our lives reflect this love in our service to one another. We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Word of God Luke 9:11b-17

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke Pause after the reading

Optional Discuss these questions in two's or three's. *The reading is on the reverse side.*

1. How do you connect Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes to his gift of the Eucharist?
2. How do we know if we are using the gift of the Eucharist as Jesus' intended it—nourishment for our daily lives?

Response (Luke 9:11b-17)

Side 1 "Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them and broke them."

Side 2 Even Jesus blessed the food and broke it, giving thanks to God for the gift of this food to nourish the multitude gathered.

Side 1 "He gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd."

Side 2 Jesus had the people move into groups of 50 so they could share a more intimate meal. This is our model for meals—together, rather than on-the-run.

Side 1 "They all ate and were satisfied."

Side 2 Lord Jesus, help us to appreciate and give thanks for the gift of Eucharist, pre-figured at the miracle of the loaves and fishes

Petitions Individuals add intentions here.

Closing Prayer

All Lord God, we give thanks today and every day for the gift of nourishment for the journey of our lives. May our reception of your body and blood never cease to amaze us. We thank and praise you through the power of the Holy Spirit within each of us. Amen.

Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,
and he healed those who needed to be cured.

As the day was drawing to a close,
the Twelve approached him and said,
“Dismiss the crowd
so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms
and find lodging and provisions
or we are in a deserted place here.”

He said to them, “Give them some food yourselves.”
They replied, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have,
unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.”

Now the men there numbered about five thousand.
Then he said to his disciples
“Have them sit down in groups of about fifty.”
They did so and made them all sit down.

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing over them, broke them,
and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.
They all ate and were satisfied.

And when the leftover fragments were picked up,
they filled twelve wicker baskets.