

BIBLE READINGS - August 6, 2023
Revised Standard Version

Psalm 145:8-9

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Psalm 145:14-18

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look to thee,
and thou givest them their food in due season.
¹⁶ Thou openest thy hand,
thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

Matthew 14:13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.