

Call to Worship, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time, Cycle B
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The gospel reading today is a story of signs and wonders, of miracles and blessings.

John recounts the story of the feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. It is a story of a people who are hungry and a boy who has only a little to give. A disciple asks the obvious and pivotal question: what good are these for so many?

Did you ever have an experience like this story....wanting to do something for someone and realizing that what you wanted to offer seemed like so little? That what you had wasn't enough?

This story shows us what a little can do. For the God that we meet in today's gospel is a God of Life in whom a little is transformed into more than enough.

This story invites our participation, invites us to think about those in our lives and those in our world who are in need – and how little we might have to offer in the face of overwhelming challenges. But who is to say what is too little and what is more than enough?

At we begin this celebration of the Eucharist, let us pray that the sharing of the little we have may become a blessing of abundance for the many.