

Gather/ Sing/ Pray Light candle and sing/ listen to 'Bread of Life'

In the name of the Father...

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Pray together Westminster Prayer

Jesus, you are truly present in the most holy Eucharist. Help me feel your presence every time I visit you. Give me your strength when I receive you in Holy Communion. And, receiving your love, help me take that love to others. I ask this in your name.

Amen

Listen to Scripture

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21

Response: Glory to you, O Lord

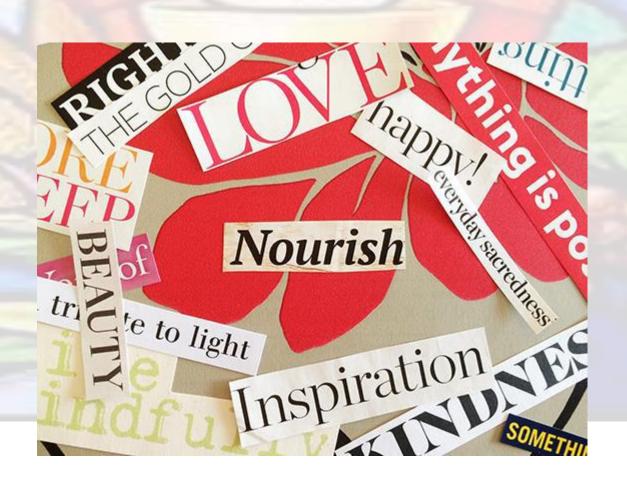
Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

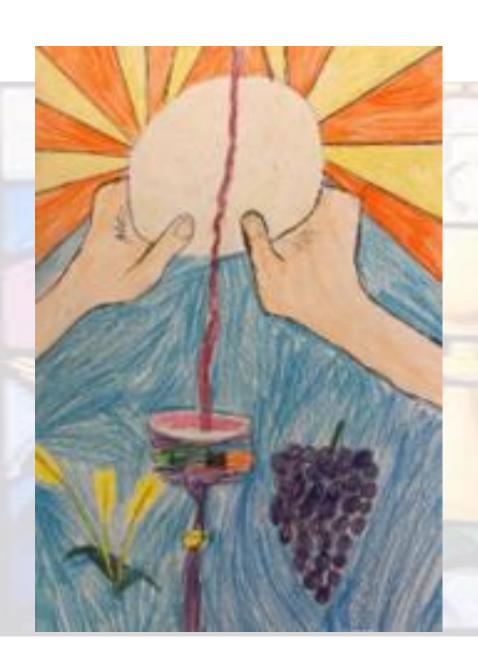
- ¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
- ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."
- ¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."
- ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.
- ¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

RESPONSE

Through this miracle, Jesus fed and satisfied many people. How can Jesus feed or satisfy you? How can you help others?





Let Us Pray

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men **Throughout the world** Who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them, through our hands, This day their daily bread, And by our understanding love Give peace and joy. Amen (Pope Paul VI)

Cathedral links

Did you know:-The office for Caritas Westminster is situated behind Westminster Cathedral

-The fish is an ancient symbol for Jesus (The Greek word for fish is ICHTHUSwhich is an acronym for Jesus Christ Son of God Saviour)

-In St Andrew's Chapel in the Cathedral there are lots of fish on the ground because St Andrew was a fisherman (see left). The ceiling looks like the scales of a fish.

