

Sunday between 31 July and 6 August Proper 18
Propers 371

Sentence

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

2 Samuel 11.26—12.13a
Psalm 51.1–13
Ephesians 4.1–16
John 6.24–35

Prayer over the Gifts

God our sustainer,
accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Preface of the Lord's Day

Prayer after Communion

God of grace,
we have shared in the mystery
of the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have tasted the bread of life
live with you for ever.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.