EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4; 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole community of the Israelites began to complain against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by Our God's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat next to pots of meat and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us   
out into this wilderness to make the whole community die of hunger."

Then Our God said to Moses, "Look, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them and see whether or not they will follow my instructions. Say this to them: 'In the evening twilight you will eat meat, and in the   
morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I, the Most High, am Your God.' "

And so it came about that in the evening, quail flew in and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a coating of dew all around the camp; when the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert were flakes of something: delicate, powdery, fine as frost. When they saw this, the people of Israel asked, "What is that?", not knowing what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread Our God has given you to eat."

The Word of God recorded in the book of Exodus.

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Responsorial Psalm Psalm 78

**R: You gave them the bread of heaven.**

Things we have heard and known,

things our ancestors have declared to us,

We will tell the generation to come

of Your glorious deeds, 0 God;

Your power, and the wonders You have done.

**R: You gave them the bread of heaven.**

Yet You gave a command to the skies above

and opened the doors of the heavens.

You rained down manna for the people to eat

and gave them the bread of heaven.

**R: You gave them the bread of heaven.**

They ate the bread of the mighty

You sent them more than enough food to eat.

Thus You brought them to the border of Your holy land,

to the hill country Your right hand had won.

**R: You gave them the bread of heaven.**