

Proper 15, Year B

Psalm 34: 9-14

Proverbs 9: 1-6.

Ephesians 5: 15-20.

John 6: 51-58.

against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in

What for?

Vision, hope, abundant life

Today's readings are about choices.

Proverbs, lady wisdom, dame folly. Wisdom vs folly. The pursuit of wisdom. Resisting seduction by folly, by falseness, by emptiness, by vanity (futility, emptiness).

Ephesians, Christian community welfare

John, life or no life (undead)

'if any'eat of this bread', says Jesus. 'If any', it is a matter of choice, it is a matter of personal decision.

'If any' – no barriers. All are welcome. No discrimination. No conditions. Despite what the church has said.

We can choose yes or no.

It's a personal choice. Jesus: addresses singular not plural. Only individuals can make a decision. Within a group, individuals can agree, but each individual must make a decision.

A yes is a choice for delight and beauty.

A no is a choice for friction and fragmentation.

As opposed to diabolism, devil

break down without building up = cynicism

The seeds of evil, of folly, are within us all, as Paul well knew when he reminded us, as he often did, to be on his guard: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but