First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south towards the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza, the desert road.” So he set out and it happened that as he was going along that way, he was on his way home. He was sitting in his chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

The Spirit said to Philip, “Go and catch up with that carriage.” So Philip ran up and heard the man reading the prophet Isaiah, and he asked, “Do you really understand what you are reading?” The Ethiopian replied, “How can I, unless someone explains it to me?” He then invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. This was the passage of Scripture he was reading:

He was led like a sheep to be slaughtered; like a lamb that is dumb before the shearer, he did not open his mouth. He was humbled and deprived of his rights. Who can speak of his descendants? For he was uprooted from the earth.

The official asked Philip, “Tell me, please, does the prophet speak of himself or of someone else?”

Then Philip began to tell him the Good News of Jesus, using this text of Scripture as his starting point. As they traveled down the road they came to a place where there was some water. Then the Ethiopian official said, “Look, here is water; what is to keep me from being baptized?”

Then he ordered the carriage to stop. Both Philip and the Ethiopian went down into the water and Philip baptized him. They were filled with joy when they got up to the spirit of the Lord took Philip away. The Ethiopian saw him no more, but he continued on his way full of joy.

Philip found himself at Azotus, and he went about announcing the Good News in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Bless our God, you peoples,
loudly sound his praise;
He has given life to our souls,
and has not let our feet slip.
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
When I appealed to him in words,
praise was on the tip of my tongue.
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Reading: Jn 6:44-51

Blessed are God, you peoples,
who have heard my words.
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
what he has done for me.
When I appealed to him in words,
praise was on the tip of my tongue.
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Blessed be God who refused me not
my prayer or his kindness!
R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Jesus addressed the crowd, "No one can come to me except those whom the Father who sent me has drawn; and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Whoever listens and learns from the Father comes to me."

"For no one has ever seen the Father except the One who comes from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life."

"I am the bread of life. Though your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, they died. But whoever eats the bread which comes down from heaven will live forever."

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever. The bread I shall give is my flesh and I will give it for the life of the world."