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“The Lord is our righteousness” Jer 23:6

INTRODUCTION

Dear friends the liturgy of the Word of God invites us to be just and sincere in dealings. In our profit oriented business and market there are at times we encounter a lot of irregularities and malpractices and corruption for which the poor are the receiving end. Let us pray in this Eucharistic table that we may be just in our thoughts, words and deeds.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

COLLECT

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

The Lord condemns through prophet Amos the unjust and corrupt practices of the Israelites because of which the life of the poor and needy was jeopardized.

A reading from the Book of Amos

8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy, and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great, and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the refuse of the wheat?” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

Responsorial Psalm (113)

R/ Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Alleluia! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

R/ Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

R/ Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

R/ Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

SECOND READING

In his letter to Timothy St. Paul urges Timothy to pray all the leaders who wield power that they may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and dignity.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

ALLELUIA (Lk 19:38)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence; for the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your

own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to the just and righteous Lord that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

1. We pray for our Holy Father Francis, Our Archbishop Bernard Moras, all the bishops, priests and consecrated persons that they may strive towards executing justice and mercy in the sight of the Lord towards those who are entrusted to their care. Let us pray to the Lord...

2. We pray that we may exchanging the gifts of the earth we find in abundance and be satisfied and may the exchange be in love and kindly justice, so that the gap between haves and have not's are not widened. Let us pray to the Lord...

3. We pray for the unemployed and the youth that they may find suitable jobs and contribute for the welfare and the growth of the society. Let us pray to the Lord...

4. We pray for the political and religious leaders that they may be transparent in exercising their office before God and his People that they may strive to lead a life without any blemish or corrupt practices. Let us pray to the Lord...

5. We pray for the poor, orphans, destitute, needy, and homeless and abandoned that through the generosity of people of good will, may find

shelter and joy in their lives. Let us pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: O God of peace and justice, look upon our endeavors, cleanse our thoughts and hearts that we may selflessly strive for the well being of each other in our work and business. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE I (Ordinary)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvellous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping our statutes. (*Ps 118:4-5*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

In the Supreme Court building of Switzerland is a huge painting by Paul Robert. When he was asked to paint this tremendous mural on the stairway leading up to the Supreme Court offices, he expressed in painting what Samuel Rutherford placed in magnificent words. The title of the painting is Justice instructing the judges. In the foreground are all forms of litigation-the wife against husband, the architect against the builder, and the others. Above them stand the Swiss judges. How will they judge the litigation? Robert's answer is this: Justice (no longer blindfolded with her vertical sword as is common) is unblindfolded with her sword pointing downward to a book on which is written "The Word of God".

Dear Friend the Psalmist in Ps 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your ordinances." Justice and righteousness in our dealing is not just social ethics but it is the very nature of the God whom we believe in. It was out of compassion for

the misery of the people which they experienced in the land of Egypt that God chose to deliver them through Moses. God said, "I have seen the misery of my people, I have heard their cry, so now I have come down to deliver them from the hands of their oppressors and to take them to a land flowing with milk and honey" Ex 3:7, Thus God who delivered the Israelites expected them to be just and righteous in their dealings, "You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were also aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you abuse them when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans." Ex 22:21 Thus they were called to live the fear of God- a behavior oriented knowledge of a moral God. When this was watered down the prophets stood up for this cause. In today's gospel, the rich man applauds the measures taken by his corrupt manager to secure his life. Having failed in his duty the stewards succeeds in earning the sympathy of the debtors by modifying the agreement. He drops his commission thus secures his future. In the hour of crisis he cautiously planned his future. Jesus recommends that through the wealth earned one must earn friends without forgetting the priority that no one can serve two masters.

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