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“Compassion is your pain in my heart.” *R.B.Zuck*

INTRODUCTION

Dear friends the liturgy of the Word of God invites us to develop a heart that feels one with others sufferings. We will be held responsible for just not doing the good which is in our capacity. Let us pray for the grace that we may be empathetic not just apathetic or sympathetic.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy. (*Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42*)

COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 first reading is about God's punishment for those who live in a complacent self-indulgence, without a caring heart towards the needy.

A reading from the Book of Amos

6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this, “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music; who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those to go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away.”

Responsorial Psalm (146)

R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.

He upholds the widow and the orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.

SECOND READING

St. Paul encourages Timothy to live in pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, endurance, gentleness and love. It is living with these such qualities that one bears witness to Jesus before others.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

As for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; and this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

ALLELUIA (Jn 8:12)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who follows me will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead'."

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Almighty and ever-loving God who bestows on us his abundance of richness so that our inner poverty may be filled with his love, grace and mercy.

1. We pray for our Holy Father Francis, Our Archbishop Bernard Moras, all the bishops, priests and consecrated persons that they may live their vow of poverty for the sake of the kingdom, in building a Church that is poor and for the poor.

2. We thank you Lord for the many riches and wealth you have bestowed on us help us to cultivate a loving and caring heart towards those who need our help and resources.

3. Lord we pray for the families, people who live below poverty line that through the efforts of the people of good will they may be the beneficiaries of the government projects and a descent living.

4. We pray for countries where children are suffering from mal-nutrition. May we stop wasting food at our homes and help the needy children in those places.

5. We pray that nations come together in eliminating nuclear weapons but may combat against terrorists and build a world that is just and friendly.

Celebrant: O Lord the source of all riches we thank you for your abundant goodness because which we are living. We pray that being the beneficiaries of your goodness we may reflect the same in our living. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE II (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 out of compassion for the wayward-ness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal.

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

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low. (*Ps 118:49-50*).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

REFLECTION

A wealthy man ran up to Francis of Assisi and said “that man stole my boots” Francis responded, “Quick. Run after him and give him your socks.”

Dear Friends, ironically today’s gospel names the poor man as Lazarus, the name is the Latinized form of Eleazar and means ‘God is my help.’ He was a beggar he was covered with ulcerated sores and so helpless that he could not even ward off the street dogs, which pestered him yet his name said- God is my help. Contrary to his status of life rich man though he had fame, wealth and possession yet he remains nameless. His sin was, not that he did wrong things but he did nothing! It is not enough, not just doing nothing but we are called upon to do something to alleviate the human misery, to feed the hungry, to cloth the naked to shelter the homeless. On the last judgment day they will ask, “Lord when did we see you hungry and did not give you food, naked and did not cloth and in prison and did not visited you? Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” Mt 25:44

Dear friends, God is not against the rich because he himself be-

stows on us riches and wealth out of his abundance. God is against the richness which make people Godless as we see in the parable of the rich fool (Lk 12:13) and heartless as we see in today’s gospel. The famous Indian theologian Samuel Rayan SJ writes in his Article “Dharma of Jesus”, “.....God has made option for the poor in a paroxysm of concern Jesus has identified with the poor and our option for consumerism is our option against God and our neglect of poor is neglect of Jesus.

We are called upon to place our trust in God alone, who gives meaning to our life and not on wealth and money for money, Money can buy a bed, but it cannot buy sleep. Money can buy books, but it cannot buy brains. Money can buy food, but not appetite. Money can buy finery, but not beauty. Money can buy a house, but not a home. Money can buy medicine, but not health. Money can buy luxuries, but not culture. Money can buy amusement, but not happiness. Money can buy companions, but not friends. Money can buy flattery, but not respect.

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