

Gospel 14th March 2021. 4th Lent Sunday Cycle B

YOUR LIGHT LORD, MAKES US SEE THE LIGHT



BORN TO BE LIGHT

SETTING

A new day, new life, I am... I open my hands to You. Transform everything that is limited, non-life and enhance faith in You. Your light, Lord, allows me to see and be from You, light in what I touch, breathe, dream...

SONG. I am the light of the world, Elena Andres.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MohtXKTEEnE0>

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved

darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.”

WE DEEPEN THE GOSPEL.

Let's start by evoking the episode of the bronze serpent; the event takes place in the Sinai desert during the Exodus. Moses intercedes for the Israelites and they are healed by looking at the bronze serpent.

At first glance, we are faced with an act of magic. However, it is just the opposite: Moses transforms, what up to now had been a magical act, into an act of Faith. Moses is not brusque with the people, he does not declare war against customs; Moses tells them: “Do as usual, but make no mistake about God because there is only one God, the one who has liberated you from Egypt.

Make a snake and look at it: (in biblical language, “to look” means “to worship”).

Jesus takes up this example to make himself understood that: “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” In the same way that it was enough to raise the eyes with faith in the God of the Covenant to be healed physically, from now on, it will be enough to raise the eyes having faith in the Christ on the Cross to obtain spiritual healing. Once again, John insists on faith: because we are free; faced with the proposal of love that God makes us, our response can be that of welcome, which is what John calls Faith, or of rejection. Note that the word "believe" is repeated five times in this passage.

But, at the same time that Jesus refers to the serpent raised in the desert to speak of his own elevation on the Cross, he manifests the formidable leap between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Jesus fulfills the prophecy, true, but everything in Jesus takes on a new dimension. First, in the desert, only the people of the Covenant were concerned: From now on, in Jesus, every man, the entire universe, is invited to believe in order to live fully. The phrase: “whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”, is repeated twice.

Visibly, the first Christian generation looked at the cross, not as an instrument of torture, but as the most beautiful proof of God's love.

Jesus is the power and wisdom of God. Because “the madness of God is wiser than men and what is weakness of God is stronger than men”(1 Cor 1: 23-25). In the crucified Christ, we read the tenderness of God, whatever

the hatred of men may be. And this love is contagious: looking at it, we reflect it WELCOME!

CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.

- Approach the cross, contemplate it! What is born inside you? Do you see torture or Love?
- “Whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” How is your faith?
- Light-darkness, your life, on which side is it situated? Do you welcome Jesus in it?
- How is your life enlightened with this text? What do you feel called to?

YOU ARE WITNESS TO LIGHT, enlighten life _____

Ambiental Music. *Letting Go*, Jeff Wahl «Meditative Guitar»

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxjEbow5j1Q>

THE LOG PROJECTS, THE LIFE.

Your light illuminates the moment
needs to see Your light.

Your light does not stop shining.

In spite of everything shadowed, of now.
Many people passed,
many jobs were lost,
Hopelessness seems to gain the journey.

Your light does not stop shining.

Many people continue, affected,
many open wounds, not closed...
Also many beautiful stories,
guide-people, who encourage, are and remain.

Your light does not stop shining.

To shine is to vibrate in hope,
to encourage along the way,
to support in the circumstance,
to accompany in solitude,
to point out the way.

Your light does not stop shining.

And many still do not see,
they do not understand, they deny.
Light is stronger than shadow, always.
Attempts fail, the light makes its way,
delicate ray that shows life in its path.

Your light does not stop shining.

It penetrates your life and cultivates it.
When the light comes to you, if you welcome it,
it changes you;
You undertake, you face, you choose,
and you break into lives, wasted, wounded,
That change suddenly, because they contain, life.

Your light does not stop shining,

In everything, in everyone, in you.
You are the breath of life
miracle contained of loving,
looking, attending, feeling,
undertaking and taking in your hands,
from faith and filled with life.

Your light does not stop shining.

The log, projects Life.
Let yourself be affected for the moment
the circumstance, the suffering, the laughter.
And choose, take sides for humanity,
justice and possibility.
Many wait for your gesture, full of life.

**We continue walking towards Jerusalem.
Accompanied by the Light, the Life.**

SONG. "Send me". Ixcis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPGtmLYgUYg>



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