

LOVING UP TO END



IN A LIFE THAT HAS NO END

SETTING

Blow Lord, flood my being. Touch my inner life in order to be able to touch what is outside.

My life is now yours, I open my silence to be your word.

Everything sounds, everything flows, better with you. May I be that light that our history, our time, the person of today need.

SONG. "You in me, I in everyone", Ixcis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25YjPXEBHMg>

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN 12:20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and

where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

WE DEEPEN THE GOSPEL.

The Greeks (that is to say: the Jews of the Diaspora) arrive and address the disciples saying «We would like to see Jesus»; not only see him but also find him, talk to him. They have «gone up to Jerusalem», as the expression goes, and come as pilgrims to «worship God during Passover». At the same time they want to get closer to Jesus, and they do not know to what extent they are right because, in reality, meeting Jesus will be the best way to worship God. But obviously they don't know it yet. Jesus, for his part, is going to try to bring them closer to this reality. That's right: his disciples come and tell him that the Greeks want to see him; to which Jesus responds, **«The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified»,** that is: **revealed as God.**

The word «glorify» is repeated several times in this text; for us it is a difficult word because, in our habitual language, glory evokes something that has nothing to do with God. **For us, glory is prestige, a halo that surrounds someone famous, his celebrity, the importance that others recognize in him.** In the Bible, the glory of God is His Presence. A Presence that radiates like fire from the Burning Bush where God revealed Himself to Moses (Ex 3).

It is clear, **the word «glorify» simply means «to reveal the Presence of God».** When Jesus says «Father, glorify your name!», we can translate: «Make yourself known, reveal yourself as you are, reveal yourself as a loving Father who has sealed a Covenant of love with humanity». Because, in reality, this is the salvation, the happiness of man, and Jesus has taught us that this is the first thing to ask when we pray: «Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done», said of another way: «may you be recognized as the God of Love and may your kingdom of love come»...

To go to the end of this revelation, Jesus accepts to suffer the Passion and the Cross: at the moment of approaching this decisive Hour, today's Gospel perfectly describes the feelings of Jesus: the anguish, the confidence, the certainty of the victory.

When Jesus prays «Father, glorify your name», Saint John reminds us that a voice was heard in heaven saying: «I have glorified it (my Name), and will glorify it again». In this pedagogy of revelation there is only one objective: that humanity finally listen to the Good News of God's Love: «Jesus says: this voice has made itself heard to be listened». REVELATION!

CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.

1. What messianism is Jesus talking about?
2. Can we understand it in our reality, in the world in which we move?
3. Are we capable of recognizing Jesus in the difficulty, the pain, the death that is life?
4. Do you manifest with your life the glory of the God of Jesus?

TO LOVE IN EVERY MOMENT... love _____

Ambiental Music. May all be one, as You, Father, in me, and I in You.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7F1N9WUYXg>

IN COVENANT MODE.

The God who seeks and reaches you,

God sealed Covenant,

with the small people, his people.

A God who tastes like Covenant,

kind, simple, signed.

It is a wanted Covenant, searched.

God Covenant who calls

and launches you to be, by being.

Covenant that tastes like nail and wood.

Life gratuitously surrendered,

in the option to be a mission for life,

Visit, cure, word, dinner and lunch,

celebrated, shared,

where there is possibility, pregnant with life.

From the womb, Mary,

with the mission already engendered.

They were faithful to the challenge,
family that had for the three of them;
Joseph, Mary and Jesus, their lives intertwined,
To give birth to Way, Truth and Life.

Covenant that tastes like bread, wine and table.

Expressed in fraternity sought, created and loved,
He was family with them, on a shared mission.

Covenant with a flavour of human leadership.

Lord of the little ones, of the wanderers,
of those who seek and expect everything.
Of simplicity, very simple.

Covenant that touches and dances the surrender,

Such an end is the fruit of such a life.

A surrender that is not final,
but door when walking, to a full life.

Covenant that tastes like new Light,

The remembrance is shown
after the wakefulness of life.

His life, woven the words with the gestures
give reason for the Art of Life.

They remember and update the experiences
with the daily, simple, divine and human Jesus.

Covenant that tastes like Sharing,

Life, mission and surrender.

It is the Covenant that tastes like wood, nail.

Let's make Lent path
up to the resurrection, in the surrender.

SONG. "Blow". Veronica Sanfilippo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVkrRzIDzc&list=PLobDvZUt8mZ0ndQ0pjOOWuX0YIRa19gQI&index=7>



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