

Gospel 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021. Cycle B

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

## **MAY THE LORD BLESS US**



## **EVERY DAY OF OUR LIFE**

### **SETTING.**

Every time I stand before you Lord, my inner being is filled with emotion. My being, my feeling, my dreams are heading in the direction of your presence. As a man, as a woman... person. Created from love, in order to love and to be happy.

From my humanity I open my hands and let your Word enter, whose enveloping gesture welcomes my entire person in the tune of the One who offers everything, donates everything, welcomes everything and I feel that He lifts me up and throws me into the whirlwind of life where our life is expressed and shaped.

**SONG. When two persons love each other - Ixcis**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2srdodGNmAc>

## **GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK: Mk 10, 2-16.**

And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And she took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

### **LET US DEEPEN THE TEXT.**

It seems that divorce was already the subject of conversation! There were already laxist and also rigorist people. The Pharisees, then, come to Jesus to ask Him the question: “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” What is this question of malicious intent? Mark notes that the intention of the Pharisees is to put Jesus to the test. He was expected to answer yes or no. But, **as usual, Jesus does not answer directly, but helps his interlocutors to find the answer themselves.**

**To begin with, He sends them toward the Law of Moses:** “What did Moses command you?” Actually, Moses has not prescribed anything on this subject; the laws given at Sinai do not speak of divorce; and not even once, in the Old Testament, do we find something that could be called the marriage code and that defined the conditions of divorce in Deut 24:1, but it is not about prescriptions, nor permits, nor conditions of divorce, but simply from an existing situation in the environment. Divorce existed in

custom and the act of repudiation was established. Is the trap set by the Pharisees there? **“Let us see if Jesus knows the Law well”**.

**But Jesus goes much further:** He places his answer on another ground! Jesus refers to God's project: “From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female”. And, **the word “beginning” in the Bible does not mean chronological beginning, but rather means original project, that is: not what begins but what directs and commands.**

Let's not forget that the book of Genesis, in today's narration, does not speak of a particular man or woman; Today's text speaks of humanity in general, in which men and women are inseparable. Clinging to our own strength, that is what Jesus calls “hardness of heart”, we cannot respond to the creator's intention. And the Law is obliged to take account of this fact. When Jesus says to the Pharisees: “Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote you this commandment”, He makes us understand that the Law was a pedagogical stage of God; because **when we are in the kingdom, we will know only one law, the law of love.**

“When the man woke up, a new dawn had begun for the humanity since the woman had been born!” This is what the Genesis narration wants to tell us today. “God created us for joy and happiness and not for anything else. LET'S REJOICE!” Psalm 127 tells us. And the letter to the Hebrews makes us feel strongly that: “Jesus who sanctifies and men who are sanctified belong to the same race”.

## **CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.**

1. We observe how Jesus acts in the face of the trials of the Pharisees. What is the priority for Him?
2. Why does Jesus give so much importance to children in a society where they were not considered?
3. Which calls do you discover today in this text?

## **LIFE IS BUILT WITH LOVE'S PROJECTS**\_\_\_\_\_

### **AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Simply Three - Rain**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFppTBdCse8>

### **GOD MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.**

God makes us partakers of his dream,  
and it is that both man and woman may be happy.  
To be happy means to feel,

to vibrate, to be surprised, to search, to find,  
to share... to live.  
Man and woman, different realities,  
One for the other, or the other for one?  
To compare both realities, it is simply,  
to recognize the same dignity,  
with different traits, qualities and talents.  
There is no before or after,  
the more or less...  
They are two sexed realities  
of the same humanity.  
The Lord, male and female, created them,  
so that, in turn, they would create and recreate life.  
Lord, may each one be  
what he/she is called to be.  
Both walking the same path  
forging shared projects.  
Grant us Lord to be able to look for You  
and to praise You, man and woman.  
That nobody is more than nobody, just different.  
Help us to be.  
May our society recognize the differences,  
and in diversity, the richness;  
May it empowers women, may it does not discriminate.  
And may I welcome.  
May You, Lord, who have created  
the man and the woman,  
teach us to welcome,  
with dignity, of man, of woman,  
the project of love, for You, dreamed of.

**SONG. Pablo Martinez – YOUR PATHS ARE CRAZY.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3NyJwle2hU>



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