

Gospel November 7, 2021. Cycle B
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



A GOD ALWAYS WILLING



TO HELP US

SETTING

Like You Lord, always ready for anything. Get in touch with the Word, take care of the inner silence. Dialogue with you, contemplate, in the moment, what you want to tell me.

Pray the Word, echo the message contained and allow the message to flow in the gesture and also in the words. Silence the eternal noises, integrating them into the internal space.

Letting me lead by You, when leaving this moment, silencing my voice so that yours can sound.

SONG.

GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS. SALOME ARRICIBITA

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

GOSPEL - Mark 12, 38-44

At that time, Jesus, instructing the crowd, said to them: «Beware of the scribes! They love to walk around in ample clothing and to be bowed in the squares, they seek the seats of honour in the synagogues and the first places in the banquets; and they devour the property of widows and pretend to pray long prayers. Those will receive a harsher condemnation. »

While Jesus was sitting in front of the temple treasury, he observed the people who were putting in money: many rich people were putting in a lot; A poor widow approached and threw in two coins, that is, a quadrant.

Calling his disciples, he told them: «Truly I tell you that this poor widow has put more than anyone else into the ark of offerings. Because the others have thrown in what is left over, but this woman, who is in need, has thrown in everything she had to live.

Let us deepen the Text

"Be careful ..." In the mouth of Jesus is an unexpected word! We are in the last chapters of the Gospel of Mark, before the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Jesus gives his last advice to his disciples. A few verses above, he told them: «Have faith in God (11, 22) ... Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be granted to you. »A little later, he will advise them:« See that no one misleads you ... »(13, 5). Here, it's something like "Don't trust anyone!" These are some scribes. This vehemence of Jesus may surprise us, but it is prophetic in style: how many times have we seen the prophets use very violent language to stigmatize certain attitudes; however, it is not a question for Jesus of making the process of all the scribes en bloc. Jesus manifests great freedom towards them. Indeed, Mark has amply shown, throughout the Gospel, the growing distrust of the scribes against Jesus.

Their jealousy gradually turned to hatred and they created the idea of killing him. Pilate saw well that the high priests had handed him over out of envy.

Jesus is very aware of the hatred of which he is the object, but that is not what he reproaches them for; for him it is more serious: "they devour the property of widows"; That is why he reproaches some who take advantage of his role; «They devour the property of widows and spend a lot of time praying: they will be condemned more severely. »Severe phrase, but well in the prophetic style: it is well known that the hardening of the heart comes softly if one is not careful; their prayer

does not bring them closer to God; (translate that they exclude themselves from salvation).

And behold, a widow shows up, precisely to make her offering. Widows were not entitled to inheritance from their husbands and their fate depended largely on public charity. The proof of his poverty is in the very particular insistence of the Law on the support that should be given to the widow and the orphan, which a scribe cannot ignore, he, the specialist of the Law. The widow comes forward to deposit two coins; and it is her whom Jesus sets as an example to his disciples. The approach with the first reading of this Sunday (the widow of Sarepta) is suggestive: as the widow of Sarepta had given her last provisions to the prophet Elijah, the one from the Temple of Jerusalem gives his last coins. Your trust in God goes there. Until taking the maximum risk, the complete dispossession.

These last advice of Jesus to his disciples will take a few days after a very particular highlight. In turn, they will have to choose their attitude in the nascent Church. The model that their Lord has assigned them is not the ostentation of some scribes, their search for honours ... but the discreet generosity of the widow and the audacity to risk everything.

Clues for prayer

1. In the reality in which we live, who can we see represented in the different characters that the Gospel presents to us?
2. In which character do you feel reflected?
3. What does this Gospel text send you to?

AND ARE YOU WILLING? _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Fridrik Karlsson - Seaside

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSR-tpVbQP8>

GIVE LIFE ITSELF

When you give what you have
and even what you need,
he gives his life, he gives himself in it.
Share the time.
Share the word.
Share the table and food.

Share the look.
Share the smile.
Share dreams.
Set encounters and
Design future paths.
Give you giving ...
Calculate delivery, measure time
and the moments,
It's not our thing.
Yes, always be aware.
Make the moment something eternal.
Welcome the person, as he is,
at any time.
And when truly be present,
This will be the opportune moment.
Live together, though,
in different contexts.
Sharing the ideals that
help us grow together.
Project dreams
in everyone's land,
in our time,
in our circumstances,
in what we live and dream.
Surrender your life in two coins.
Give my whole life
Give until it hurts
Give with nothing in return
Give us all
Give everything.
Give us with you.

SONG. Live - Ruah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKTW92-bAgU>



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