

VII Sunday Gospel 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022.  
Cycle C



## THE HUMANITY THAT NEEDS



**“COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE...”**

### SETTING

To love to the limit... today you propose us Lord an intense, arduous, but fulfilling, satisfying and path... Appear to you of everything and everyone, be merciful. You encourage us to put heart, to put hope, to contribute.

I am ready from my exteriority and interiority to be silent, attentive and contemplative. It is not easy to walk the path of total dispossession to be everything in the other. You accompany my weak steps, my timid glances, my hesitant words, my moderately committed gestures and my scattered listening in the surrounding noises

I look at you and contemplate in life, in people and in their needs. I want to live from that radicalism that you propose to me. I support myself, I am and I return to You.

**SONG. Love Your Enemies – Christian Sermons**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcnJWFLjgn4>

## **GOSPEL – Luke 6, 27-38**

«But I say to you that listen to me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also ; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you: and if anyone takes away yours good , do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do it to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much again. But love your enemies; do good, and lend, without expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. «Be merciful ,just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge and you will not be judged, do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be the measure you get back.

### **We deepen the Gospel**

« Be merciful as your Father is merciful”: “then you will be the children of the God of heaven, because he is good and merciful with the ungrateful and with the wicked.” They almost want to say: What a little program!” And yet that is our calling. That is right if we re-read the entire Bible. We see that it is presented as the story of the conversion of the human being and that he learns little by little to dominate his violence. But there is no shortcut without work, only that God is patient, since for Him as Saint Peter says: "A thousand years are like a day and a day like a thousand years" (2Peter 3,8). God educates his people slowly as Deuteronomy says: "On reflection you realize that the LORD your God gave you an education like that of his son" (Dt 8:5). This slow eradication of violence from the heart of man is expressed literally. That is right. The biblical texts are going to help man to discover that his true honour lies elsewhere, that this honour consists in resembling God who is good to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Today Jesus' speech is the last stage of this education: from the law of retaliation, we have passed to the call to sweetness and selflessness; to perfect gratuitousness. Jesus insists twice, at the beginning and at the end: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you»... "Love your enemies without expecting anything in return".

Suddenly the ending surprises us a bit. So far it was not easy but at least it was logical: God is merciful and invites us to imitate him. And here the last lines seem to change tone: "Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you..." *you will receive a well-filled measure, squeezed, shaken, overflowing, which will be emptied into your apron; with the measure that you use for others, it will also serve for you.*" Will we have returned to the dame and I will give you?

Obviously not. Since it is Jesus who speaks. Jesus shows us a very simple reassuring path, in order to never fear being judged. Let us be content not to condemn others. As for the phrase: "Your reward will be great, you will be children of God." we must understand that there is expressed, the wonder discovered by those who obey the Christian ideal of gentleness and of forgiveness. That is to the deep transformation that takes place in them since **they have opened up the door to the Spirit of God, who dwells in them and inspires them more and more.**

### **Clues for the prayers**

What does the text say? (reading)

What God is telling me through this text? (meditation)

How do I dialogue with God with what the text tells me? (prayer)

How do I feel the presence of God in my life? (contemplation)

How do I put into practice the message of the word of God in my real life? (action)

## **LOVE EVERYONE** \_\_\_\_\_

### **AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Rob Costlow - Enigma - Piano**

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

### **A BIG HEART**

There is always time to do,  
lend, share, help, listen...

There is always time to do good.

This is the path that Jesus has shown us.

Be compassionate and merciful.

Love even those who do not love you,

Do good to everyone.

Bless even those who curse you.

Approach those who defame you.

Turn the other cheek

give the robe,

always give,

Do not claim someone who takes something from you.  
What more could you want?  
This is the matching program  
to the merciful and compassionate God.  
Do to the other what you would wish for yourself.  
love the one who loves you,  
be friend with your friends,  
do what would be done to you,  
give to get back;  
Does not have any merit.  
To be merciful and compassionate,  
invites you to put your heart in your hands,  
suggests words close to everyone,  
it opens paths of encounter for the diverse,  
proposes inclusive projects,  
grants you to be with others,  
It helps you grow and grow.  
All part of you, from Him,  
Without expecting anything...  
And nothing is nothing!  
Simply the satisfaction of knowing  
that you are on the path of life.  
In the art of humanizing relationships,  
the tasks, the circumstances.  
In living and doing it all  
from the heart touched by God,  
that generates an inner life,  
manifested in being and doing,  
for us “with the greatest care,  
with all detail, with all love”.  
Without measuring the delivery, always.

### **SONG. In His time - Maranatha Music**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJeNUINY7Iw>



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