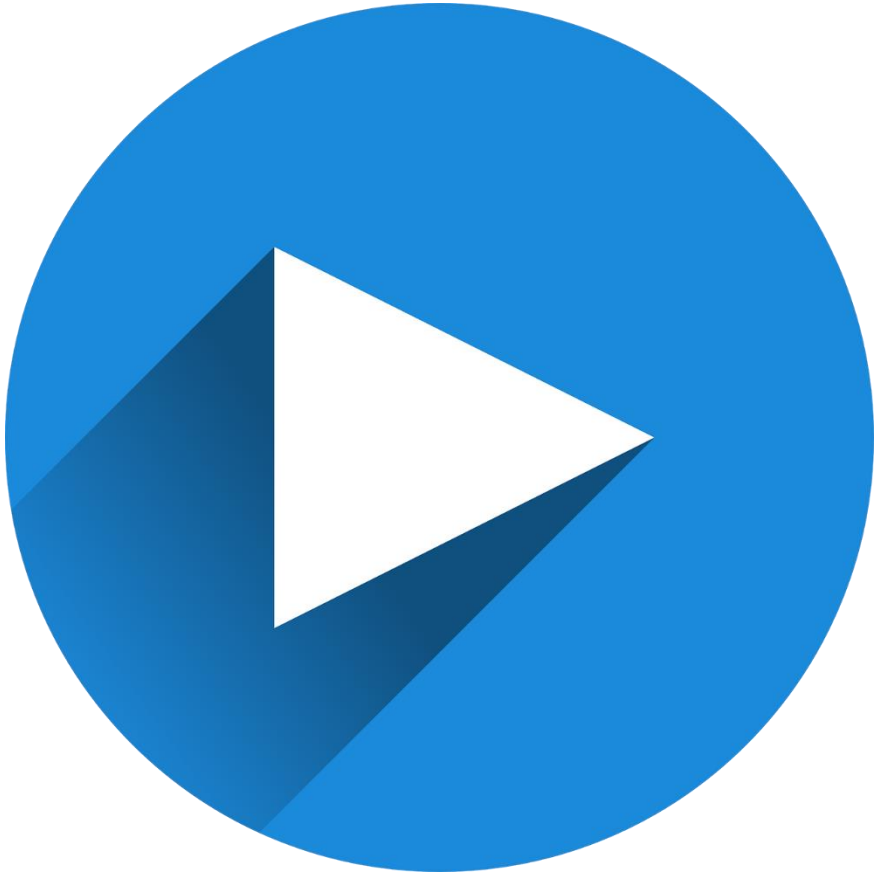




# VI SUNDAY – 11th of February 2024 – Cycle. B



**I AM ONLY IN YOU**



## **SETTING**

I close my eyes, join my hands and prepare to meet you.  
I let your word enter me and transform my life.  
What response is God asking of me at this moment?  
What do I have to change in myself?  
Embrace life and let yourself be embraced by it.

## SONG. HEAL ME: TERRY MACALMON

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sA7GYllc0hM>

### GOSPEL. Mark 1, 40-45

"A leper approached Jesus to ask for help and, falling on his knees, said to him: 'If you wish, you can heal me.' Jesus, moved, stretched out his hand and touched him, saying: "I want him, he is purified."

Immediately the leprosy disappeared and was purified. Jesus sent him away, sternly warning him:

"Do not say anything to anyone, but go present yourself to the priest and give the offering that Moses commanded for your purification, so that it may serve as a testimony to them." However, as soon as he left, he began to proclaim it to the whole world, spreading what had happened; in such a way that Jesus could no longer publicly enter any city, but had to stay outside, in deserted places. And they came to him from everywhere. »

### We deepen the Word

**The book of Leviticus is not one of the easiest:** It represents twenty-seven chapters of often very detailed regulations. In it, it is only a matter of the priesthood and the rules to be observed in worship and in daily life to be in Alliance with God. Visibly this place in the presence of a particular and very clerical theological current: in this current the priests (the Levites) are the privileged intermediaries between God and the people. You have to believe that. **In the time of Jesus things had not changed since lepers still provoked the same repulsion and there were the same exclusion measures.**

"Blessed is the man whose fault is blotted out and whose sin is forgiven!" A forgiven sinner gives thanks and it is not strange, this is how the ancient experience of believers speaks, beginning with David, who remained in memory as a type of sinner at the same time guilty and happy because of the forgiveness agreed upon by God. Psalm 31(32), 1-11, describes this experience very well as a true inner liberation: "You are my refuge, my protector in desolation; you have surrounded me with songs of liberation." This joy of the forgiven sinner becomes a testimony of salvation for all, in other words: it invites us to enter into that way of doing things.

In the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians: first a theological statement, which should make us see our daily lives in a different way. Next, a lesson in behaviour. The theological statement is the following: Because God has not despised the fact of becoming man; no aspect of our life is despicable. God has resembled you in everything; you can resemble him in everything. Regarding behaviour. "Everything is permitted, but everything is not convenient." True, everything is allowed, but with certain conditions. Freedom is not the license to do anything in any way! First, it is not about freeing yourself from Jewish law to fall into another regime of obligations. In the letter to the Galatians, Paul insists: "It is so that we may be truly free that Christ has freed us" (Gal 5:1). Second, there remains only one commandment, only one, but it must guide our entire life: the commandment to love. Saint Augustine summarized Paul's doctrine in a maxim that should always accompany us: "Love and do what you want."

In Mark 1:40-45, it is a question of Jesus' first missionary journey. We are therefore in Galilee, outside Capernaum, when a leper approaches him. In reality, in this story, there are two stories instead of one: the first is the one that stands out; it is about the miracle, yes, a leper is healed by Jesus. At the same time as the story of the miracle, another story begins here, much longer, much more serious: the incessant story of the combat that Jesus had to endure to reveal the true face of God. Because, in the time of Jesus, one could continue to be excluded in the name of God. In fact, the leper should never have dared to approach Jesus and Jesus should never have touched the leper: both violated the traditional law of exclusion and it was from this double audacity that the miracle could be born. The leper approaches Jesus as if he were the Messiah. Poor, this leper was totally poor: for his illness and for his attitude impregnated with humility: If you want, you can cure me. And with just this impulse of Faith, Jesus was able to act.

### **Tips for prayer**

- What did Jesus do in response to the leper's request? Contemplate his attitude and pray.
- - What does this attitude of Jesus awaken in you?
- - What does Jesus' attitude invite us to do as a Church, as a community?



**AMBIENTAL MUSIC.**

## THE PERSISTENCE OF HOPE

[https://youtu.be/tjZOjtAyEu0?si=qfludX\\_AB0EOZ\\_p4](https://youtu.be/tjZOjtAyEu0?si=qfludX_AB0EOZ_p4)

### FEEL YOU BY MY SIDE

feel you next to me  
to experience  
may your spirit  
accompanies me and  
makes me feel and  
be more me  
focus on you  
invites me to situate myself,  
and every thing  
will be placed in its place.  
feel you next to me  
helps me understand  
that my life  
hold on you and  
that I can follow you  
finding in it.  
feel you next to me  
allows me to continue  
growing.  
feel you next to me  
Heal my wounds.

feel you next to me  
drives me to look  
with your glasses.  
feel you next to me  
gives me strength to  
resolve situations.  
feel you next to me  
join my steps  
To yours.  
feel you next to me  
makes it spring up in me  
simple expressions.  
feel you next to me  
generates in me  
that welcome to all.  
You choose to touch me.  
Your caress and your hug  
wake up in me  
being also a caress  
and hug for others.  
To feel you close.

### SONG. ONE WAY JESUS. HILL SONG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7IQvg6VSNI>



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