



XXI Sunday of the OT August 24'25 – Cycle C



COME IN



ATMOSPHERE

Now we place ourselves in prayer mode. Jesus has told us something strong: **the door is narrow** and not everyone comes in just by saying “Lord, Lord”. To come in is to live with love, with justice, with surrender.

Let us pray that we will not remain in beautiful words or empty customs, but move on to deeds. May our lives be the best response to Jesus' call.

In silence, let God speak to you... and let Him tell you where He wants you to come in today.

He invites us to strive to come through the door of love, service and coherence.

The Kingdom is a gift we must welcome with a surrendered life and an open heart.

SONG.

THE NARROW DOOR. Salomé Arricibita

<https://youtu.be/VDfNyxxzoUU?si=FjvckdTElqA3qS4>

GOSPEL – Luke 13:22-30, August 24, 2025

“He went through cities and towns teaching, as He walked towards Jerusalem. One said to Him, ‘Lord, are there few who are saved?’ He said to them, ‘Strive to come through the narrow door, for, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not be able to. When the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you who stand outside will knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us!’ And he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you are from’. Then you will begin to say, ‘We have eaten and drunk with you, and you have taught in our marketplaces’; and he will say to you again: ‘I do not know where you are from. Go out from me, all you agents of injustice!’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, while they cast you out. And they will come from the east and the west, from the north and from the south, and they will sit at the table in the Kingdom of God. And there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.”

To better understand the Word today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Isaiah 66:18-21. God is coming to gather all the inhabitants of the earth. Faith and universality of salvation, ecumenical spirit and missionary zeal always go together.

Psalms 116:1-12. May all peoples join and sing around the faithful God whose love knows no bounds.

Heb 12:5,7,11-13. God always acts as the father of his children. He only wants them to be happy and never subjects them to useless tests. The difficulties they encounter, on the path on which they are committed in following Christ, must be understood and taken up as calls to overcome, to become more “just”, to acquire a new vigour, to “level the path” so that we can walk on it joyfully.

Lk 13:22-30. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and evidently does not waste an opportunity to teach, even though what He says is not always what He is expected to say. What Jesus is referring to here is the security of his

interlocutors, their conviction that, because they belong to the chosen people, they are automatically entitled to salvation, that is, that the door will be opened wide to them. And there, Jesus speaks to them clearly: the door is the same for everyone. It is true that Jesus is one of them, that He has eaten and drunk with them and that He has taught in their peoples; it is true that their ancestors are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but it is also true that they do not accept the Kingdom of God as a gift; They are convinced that, for them, it is a right. This makes us understand the last sentence of Jesus' discourse: "The last will be first, and the first will be last". As in every vocation, this choice of God was first and foremost a mission: if they had been the guests of the Kingdom in the first place, they had the mission of bringing all humanity into it. Isaiah had reminded this to his contemporaries several times. Their mission was to share God's desire: that his salvation should touch all humanity. And instead of doing so, when Jesus speaks in God's name, they refuse to accept His teachings because He bothers them in their certainties and their own personal satisfaction: they have a right! This is why, for some of Jesus' contemporaries, their own convictions prevented them from recognizing in Him the Messiah they were undoubtedly waiting for with all their hearts.

Clues for Prayer

- We are grateful for the life of John Bonal, when we read the Gospel, we remember him and give thanks for how he lived it.
- I share with Jesus the call that I discover from the text and from contemplating the life of John Bonal.
- How can our community transmit what the Gospel invites us to?



AMBIENT MUSIC.

IN UN ALTRA VITA - LUDOVICO EINAUDI

<https://youtu.be/MRRpoAtidXs?si=rw8ViWhRHzwORwwP>

DARE TO PASS

Lord,
You are the door.
Not just any door,
but a narrow door, which
is not opened with excuses,
nor with empty prayers,
nor with the merits of a façade.
You ask me if I want to come in,
and I...
do I truly want to?
Or do I just like to look
from afar and feel safe
because "I know you"?
You say that the Kingdom
is for everyone,
that there are no borders,
that your love is universal.
Do I live like this?
Or do I keep building walls
with my attitudes,
closing the door to others,
when You are leaving it open?
Selfishness ruins life,
I know, I see it, I feel it...
But how many times do I walk
in the opposite direction?
How many times do I choose
what is easy instead

of what you propose to me?
Today you invite me to
come through the door,
to leave my backpack
filled with "I",
to empty myself to love,
to let go of what binds me,
to live for others.
Lord,
am I willing to
Your love project?
Do I dare to come
through the door with You?
Or shall I stand outside,
saying "Lord, Lord",
while You ask me,
"Where are your works?
where are your love?"
Where are you?
I don't want to be late.
I don't want to stay outside.
I want to come today, with You,
in your Kingdom that
starts here,
when I dare
to love without measure.

SONG.

THE NARROW GATE - JAVIER BRÚ

https://youtu.be/FF45pzYvtj0?si=qrHIYVUWI98qP_d6



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