



XXII Sunday of the OT August 31'25 – Cycle C



INVITE EVERYONE



ATMOSPHERE

We come with our searchings, our burdens and our dreams, but above all with an open heart to let ourselves be surprised by God.

Brothers and sisters, from the joy of celebrating, today the Word takes us to the table of a Pharisee, where Jesus profits a daily gesture -to seek the first places- to teach us something deep: in the Kingdom of God, courage is not measured by appearances or privileges, but by humility and gratuitousness.

Jesus invites us to come down from the pedestal of the ego and open our hearts to those who cannot give us anything back. There, in simplicity and disinterested self-giving, the face of the Father is revealed.

SONG.

SACRED BANQUET - JESUS CABELLO

<https://youtu.be/xyhO4-1GVU4?si=RdVvkOa6e-Ve3sDK>

GOSPEL – Luke 14:1,7-14

"And it happened, that when He had gone on the Sabbath to the house of one of the chief Pharisees for lunch, they were watching him. And when He saw how the guests chose the first places, He told them a parable: 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding, do not put yourself in the first place, lest someone more distinguished than you have been invited by him, and he who invited you and him comes and says to you, 'Leave the place for this one', and then you will occupy the last place in shame. On the contrary, when you are invited, go and sit in the last place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, go higher'. And this will be an honor to you in front of all who are with you at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and whoever humbles himself will be exalted'. He also said to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a meal or a supper, do not call your friends, or your siblings, or your relatives, or your rich neighbours; lest they invite you in turn, and you have your reward. When you give a banquet, call the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be rewarded in the resurrection of the righteous'."

To understand today's Word (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29. Maxima of a wise teacher, revered and worthy of being listened to because he speaks as a father does with his son.

Psalms 67. God is close to the righteous, the humble, the captive, the weak. He lifts them, frees them, sustains them.

Heb 12:18-19.22-24a. At Sinai, God has manifested His power. In Jesus, God reveals Himself in humility. Through Him, believers today and in all times enter into communion with all those who are with Him in the City of the living God.

Luke 14:1.7-14. Luke places today's text on a Sabbath day. The importance of the Sabbath in the life of the people of Israel is known. That day is a Sabbath ("Sabbath" in Hebrew means to cease all activity) and the chosen people had made it a day of feast and joy in honor of their God. Feast of the creation of the world, feast of the liberation of the people who came out of Egypt... waiting for the great feast of the Day in which God will renew the whole Creation. In the time of Jesus, the feast existed, and a solemn meal marked that day: a meal that was often the occasion to receive the coreligionists; but the ritual prohibitions of the Law had multiplied in such a way that respect for the prescriptions hid, for some, the essential: **fraternal charity**. On that day, at the beginning of the meal, a scene, which does not appear in our liturgical reading, is found in the topics of conversation. Jesus heals a sick man who was suffering from dropsy (edema). This gives rise to new arguments around the table, because Jesus is accused of having violated the Sabbath rest rule. But Jesus wants to go much further: like the prophets, Jesus earnestly seeks to open the eyes of the Pharisees before it is too late because excessive self-satisfaction can lead to blindness. The Pharisees run the risk of being far from welcoming the poor, the disabled, when this welcome is the principal sign of the Kingdom. And Jesus says that it is those who welcome and respect these humble people, without expecting anything in return, who will participate, with them, in the promised resurrection.

Clues for Prayer

- Yesterday we celebrated the death anniversary of Maria Rafols. When we read the text, where can we find her?
- How do I live in my life what the text invites me to?
- I share with Jesus all that I have discovered!



AMBIENT MUSIC.

LEUS ANG – JUSTIN BIANCO

<https://youtu.be/pJYBJkIvWx0?si=yJnL0UdNqxBNg4QR>

SHOW ME YOUR TABLE

Lord, today I want to learn
from You.
Teach me not to look for
the first posts,
not to live pending of applause,
not to measure my value
by titles or honors.
To be simply.
Teach me
to choose the last place,
the one that no one wants,
the one that seems small,
where You always sit.
Break my pride,
break down my walls,
and open in me a space for
the humble,
for the one who no one invites,
for the one who cannot
return nothing.
Make me generous,
free from calculations,

able to love
without conditions,
capable of giving
without waiting.
Make my table
look like yours,
filled with kindness,
filled with forgotten faces,
filled of simple laughter,
filled of your Kingdom
that starts here.
Because only in this way,
when all may be grace,
my hands will be table,
my life will be a banquet,
my heart will be your house,
my eyes will be universe,
and I will be blessed in You.
Being humility,
generosity
gratuitousness.

SONG.

CALM - JESUS HAIR

<https://youtu.be/AtO0JiFLkNI?si=IwW8HA-EOBCbWWsJ>

HAKUNA GROUP MUSIC - DANCE AND GO TO THE POINT

https://youtu.be/yJa2_jbe0yc?si=8zZT1K-6VEwfWhv6



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