



XXX SUNDAY 26th October 2025 – Cycle C



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SETTING

Today, the Word of God invites us to consider how we present ourselves before Him. Appearances, titles, and positions don't matter; what God looks at is the heart.

Today, the Word reminds us that the Lord hears the prayer of those who suffer and does not forget the poor or those who cry out in sincerity. It shows us the example of those who have lived with faith until the end, trusting that the Lord never abandons them.

Jesus teaches us that true prayer is born of humility: not from believing ourselves better than others, but from simply recognizing that we need you, God.

As we hear this Word, may we allow it to transform us, so that we may live a more authentic, humble, and committed faith with others.

SONG: O LORD I AM NOT WORTHY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2q71cQr9BY>

GOSPEL – Luke18, 9-14

“He also spoke this parable to some who were trusted to be righteous and despised everyone else: Two men went up to the temple courts to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus within himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—grubbing, unjust, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and pay a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’ I tell you; this man went down to his house justified, but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

To internalize the Word today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Ecl 35,12-14.16-19. Every human being is poor before God, and God is the defender of the poor.

Psalms 33:2-23. Blessing God, praising him, glorifying him, acknowledging all he has done for us, is the attitude of a poor heart.

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18. Paul can say: Mission accomplished. The moment has come to crown the spiritual worship of his life. Like Jesus and like Stephen, Paul forgives those who have abandoned him. His trust in God is absolute, and he places himself entirely in his hands.

Luke18, 9-14. En In today's text, Jesus describes two very peculiar attitudes to highlight the moral of the story. Jesus wants us to reflect on our own attitude: we will probably discover that, where we are concerned, we adopt one or the other depending on where we are. Tax collectors were frowned upon, and at least for some of them, there was reason for this. Let's not forget that it was a period of occupation. The tax collectors served the occupiers: they were "collaborators." Furthermore, they served the Roman power in a very sensitive area for all humans in the world, and in all periods of history: taxes. Indeed, the Roman power set the sum it demanded from citizens, a sum the tax collectors advanced.

Prayer clues

- What prideful traits do you harbour in your life? Do you say to yourself, "I'm not like the others"?
- Share with Jesus those areas of yourself that you don't want to acknowledge, but that are there.
- What attitude do we live in our community, parish, or even our community? That of the Pharisee or the tax collector?



MÚSICA AMBIENT FERNANDO LEIVAAL.

LONG PAST GONE – JAMI SIEBER

<https://youtu.be/Eh0nX2vfPtc?si=KXFMaeW7tjfQkAfe>

FROM BELOW

Lord, here I am, without titles,
without excuses.

You know who I am,
and yet You seek me.

I don't want to live by
appearances,
nor pray to be seen.
I want to look at You from
below
and rise with Your strength.

You hear those who have no
voice,
those who don't know how to
pray beautifully.
The cry of the poor reaches
heaven,
and their faith breaks the infinite.

I don't want to hide my failures
or disguise my wounds.

I want to offer You what I am,
my clay, my struggle, my life.

Make me a servant with Your
hands,
brave without boasting,
humble to rise
every time I fall again.

Teach me to use my talents,
not to show off, but to serve.
May my effort bear fruit,
may my life speak of You.

I want to be a Pharisee in life,
faithful, honest, consistent; But a
tax collector in your temple,
small, grateful, and conscious.

You do not justify the perfect,
but only the one who dares to
ask for forgiveness.

And I want to be there, Lord,
seeking with compassion.

May my prayer not remain
empty words or routine,
but may it become justice,

commitment, and shared life.

And when I ascend to the temple
of my heart,
remind me, Lord,
that he who humbles himself out
of love
always comes down justified...
and filled with your comfort.

SONG: MY HEART IS HEAVY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI_q7pYwwFw

HAKUNA GROUP MUSIC - BAILA Y DEJATE DE HISTORIAS

[https://youtu.be/y\]a2_jbe0yc?si=ijKptvUA4AnOp1Y4](https://youtu.be/y]a2_jbe0yc?si=ijKptvUA4AnOp1Y4)



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