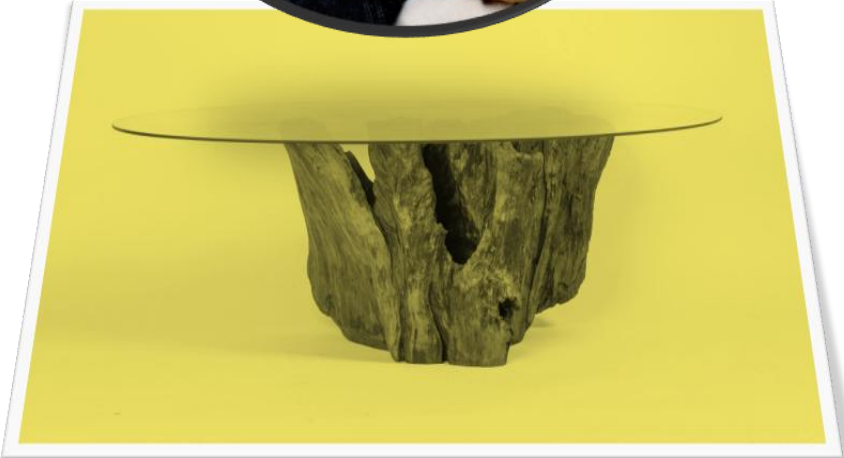


14th June 2026 – Cycle A



THE SHARED GIFT TABLE

Brothers and sisters, we gather today to celebrate life and allow ourselves to be found by the compassionate gaze of Jesus. He sees our joys, weariness, longings, and hopes. Like the first disciples, he calls us by name today and invites us to walk with him. The Gospel reminds us that we have received so much from God: life, faith, love, and mercy. Everything is a gift and everything is grace. That is why we are sent to share with others what we have freely received. Let us open our hearts to the Word that transforms us. May this celebration help us to find new meaning in our lives through the Gospel and to renew our daily commitment to our brothers and sisters.

SONG. BORN FOR YOU LORD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cBJ4N7gJws>

GOSPEL – Mathew 9, 36 – 10, 8

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority over impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: “The Lord is with you; he has set you free from evil spirits.” The kingdom of heaven has come. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

We delve deeper into the Word

Ex 19, 2-6. The grace given for the purpose of a mission confers a responsibility: to bear witness to God's holiness before the people.

Psalm 99:1-5. A people chosen by God to proclaim his love: a grace and a responsibility.

Romans 5:6-11. It is in God who loves us and in Jesus our Savior that we place our pride, not in ourselves.

Mathew 9, 36 – 10, 8. El The missionary discourse is suddenly rooted in Jesus' compassion for the shepheress multitudes. Neither the scribes nor the Pharisees, because of their prior opposition to the proclaimed Kingdom, can assume this pastoral ministry for the Kingdom to come. In biblical tradition, the harvest evokes the gathering that the Lord, the owner of the harvest, waited for Israel, just as the shepherd evokes the gathering of the scattered flock. Mission and harvest, shepherds and labourers, are thus signs of God's action for his people, an action rooted in compassion. With the selection of the twelve apostles, Jesus situates the mission not in a conquering expansion but in the fulfilment of the signs of the Kingdom. They are twelve like the twelve tribes of Israel. The power given to them reflects the very power of Jesus that we witness in the miracles: exorcisms and healings. It is not about performing miracles to gain disciples, but about manifesting the arrival of the Kingdom of God through actions. The power of the twelve, as the narratives demonstrate, is also inscribed in the announcement of a recovery. They are just twelve, very different, from sinners to tax collectors, the first fruits of the reapers to come, twelve sent out to the first field. And the word "sent" means "apostle."

I pray with the Word Jesus Christ called and continues to call. He offers his gifts freely; we only need to recognize and accept them. How do I hear his call? What is he calling me to do today, here, now?



70,000 people sing the Ode to Joy with Bustamante before the Pope...

<https://youtu.be/ETuZDQB1P7g?si=N9iaA8zmnfkSAGmc>

THE ECHO OF A GIFT

Lord Jesus,
You continue walking along
our daily paths,
seeing our haste
and our silences,
discovering the wounds
we hide,
calling us to live
with a new purpose.

Teach us to reread our history,
to recognize your presence
in simplicity,
to find your Gospel
in every encounter,
in every task,
and in every moment of waiting.

May we not live closed
in ourselves,
nor trapped by fear
or habit,
but open to the newness
of your Kingdom,
which germinates in the midst of
life.

Give us a gaze
capable of understanding,
a heart open

to compassion,
hands that
know how to accompany,
and a word that
sows hope.

Help us discover
that each person
is a call to love
more deeply,
an opportunity to serve,
a reflection of your presence.

May we learn to give freely, without
seeking rewards or recognition,
sharing what we are and what we
have, as a gift received from You.

When weariness sets in, remind us
that You continue to send, that the
harvest continues to be plentiful,
and that Your Spirit sustains our
commitment.

And may we, at the end of each day,
recognize Your presence in our
lives, give thanks for the small signs
of the Kingdom, and renew our
commitment to follow You
tomorrow.

SONG: I LIFT UP MY EYES  Hymn of the Pope's Visit to Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlhdwgG1PgA>
<https://youtu.be/Jj8X5vv5LNY?si=t9wiBD8P54arT80Y>



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