# Gospel 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021. 2nd Lent Sunday Cycle B

#### FROM THE LIFE GIVEN AS A GIFT



TO FEEL that You are in each spark of life

### SETTING

I desire, Lord, moments like this in which I am with you, alone, enjoying the Presence, in the sound silence, which inhabits me, wraps me and throws me outside, to sing the learned and experienced melody, to all those who want to travel the way of life aware.

Life, which is given as a gift to me at every momento, wants to be shared from You, to the brethren on the path of life.

### Song

"In You" (En Ti), Jose Ibañez https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYne904ded8

# GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK 9:2-10.

Jesus took Peter, James and John, climbed a high mountain with them alone, and was transfigured before them. Their dresses turned dazzling white, as no full-bodied man in the world can leave them. Elijah and Moses appeared to them, conversing with Jesus. Then Peter spoke up and said to Jesus: «Teacher, how good it is here! We are going to build three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah». They were scared, and he didn't know what he was saying. A cloud formed and covered them, and a voice came out of the cloud: «This is my beloved Son; listen to him». Suddenly, looking around, they saw no one but Jesus, only with them.

When they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them: «Tell no one what you have seen, until the Son of man rises from the dead». This stuck with them, and they discussed what He meant by «rising from the dead».

### WE DEEPEN THE GOSPEL.

Every year, the second Sunday of Lent invites us to read the narrations of the Transfiguration in the Gospels. Let's pay attention to one aspect of this text in Mark. We must admit that it is a bit surprising:

Jesus commanded them: «Tell no one what you have seen, until the Son of man rises from the dead». Why does Jesus give this command of secrecy to his disciples?

**First,** what have they seen? Jesus appears before them resplendent with glory, on a mountain, between two of the greatest figures of Israel: Moses the liberator, who had transmitted the Law, and Elijah, the prophet of Horeb.

Soon they will go to Jerusalem and, from that moment, another mountain, that of suffering, will take over from that of the Transfiguration.

These two images, glory and suffering, are the two faces of the same love of God towards humanity, just as He was incarnated in Jesus Christ. Several times, Jesus himself had established the relationship between glory and suffering when he spoke of the Son of man, but now it was still a little early for the disciples to accept the mystery of the suffering Messiah.

Another surprise for them: The title of Son of man that, visibly, Jesus attributes to Himself. This «son of man» was, in reality, a collective being since the prophet also called him «the people of the saints of the Most High».

Evidently, Jesus, alone, could not be considered a collective being! The disciples of Jesus of Nazareth will understand this long after the Resurrection and Pentecost, and will believe that Jesus has placed himself at the head of the «people of saints of the Most High» and all the baptized

of the world will be invited to do nothing but being just one with Him to save humanity.

Two good reasons, then, to invite them not to quickly tell what they had not yet understood. Meanwhile, He asks them **to listen**, because this is the only way to enter the mysteries of God. **«This is my beloved Son; listen to Him».** 

It is a call to trust, whatever it may happen. Trust that will be hardly tested in the months that follow: the ministry in Galilee is ending. Jesus now takes the path to Jerusalem. The cross is there.

It is possible that the command of silence, which Jesus gives to his disciples, translates his will not to turn his back on what awaits Him and to overcome, in Himself, the temptation to escape from what is coming! Fidelity!

### CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.

- 1. Imagine the scene and place yourself in it, what do you perceive? what do you discover? what do you feel?
- 2. Now imagine the scene in Gethsemane. Which elements does it have in common? Do they speak to us of the same reality with different gestures?
- 3. Do you live with Jesus in the tent, on the mountain or do you go down with Him to the reality of each day?
- 4. What does this text send you to?

#### GO DOWN to life and put a note of humour and love \_\_\_\_\_

Ambiental Music. Shane Calhoun "Away" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJY08rm5vS8

## MASTER

Good Master, how good it is here with you. In the school of life You show us the way, letting each one discover it, freely, without imposing anything, in his style. What do you have Lord that I admire so much? Wisdom, proven in life. Word, which liberates and empowers. Close gestures, with everyone, especially for those who seek you, recognize you and wait for you.

#### Master of tenderness,

that with a delicate gesture welcome and pamper. I am fine being with You. And You with me? As I with Others? Master of the alluring gaze, who penetrate my life, searching to find the good that I have. I am fine, here or there with You. I want to look with you and in the direction of life. Master of good ears, who listen in the silence highlighting the progress made, the step up, the attempts... I want to listen as You, in the whisper, the song to life. Master of warm hands, that raise the fallen and join the tender and hardened to give support to the one who need it. I want to put my hands with yours and in your clay to create the bowl that may sustain the water that gives life. Master of the serene word, that pacifies the wounds and generates creative speeches, that give way to the most beautiful dreams, filled with loved people; who were and continue to be sustenance of our lived histories. Master sculptor of life, who give "birth" to the contained work, that wants to go out and free herself from the ties that still her. Master how good I am here and with you... It is needed to descend, to ascend, to go on... Let's walk together in life.

**SONG.** I HAVE COME TO SERVE. Ain Karem https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOUaeR4\_euk



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