

Gospel 27 June 2021. Cycle B

Sunday 13th Week Ordinary Time

I WILL PRAISE YOU LORD...



YOU HAVE SET ME FREE

AMBIENCE

I walk safe with you, every time that I think of you and I make room and time for you, my life is renewed into a new person that spreads joy, illusion and hope.

When I go away, You are there. Help me to see you, to feel and to enjoy that Presence that fills the life and gives meaning to everything. That I may be Lord, a docile creature to sense, justice and being.

Song. Talita Kum-Ain Karem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhX0H55YEGQ>

Gospel - Mark 5, 21-43, 27

“When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lake. Then the president of

the synagogue came up, named Jairus, and seeing him, fell at his feet and begged him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her that she may be saved and may live.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it; in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up through the crowd and touched his cloak from behind, thinking, 'If I can just touch his clothes, I shall be saved.' And at once the source of the bleeding dried up, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. And at once aware of the power that had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you; how can you ask, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said, 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free of your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the president of the synagogue to say, 'Your daughter is dead; why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus overheard what they said and he said to the president of the synagogue, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So, they came to the house of the president of the synagogue, and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they ridiculed him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At once they were overcome with astonishment, and he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat".

Deepening the Gospel

The stories of the two miracles are intertwined with each other. The three synoptic Gospels tell us the same events in the same order: Jairus' petition on behalf of his daughter, the healing of the woman, and finally the resurrection of the little girl. The woman is sick for twelve years. The girl is twelve years old; In both situations, the human resources of medicine are exhausted: Marcos highlights this reality. Regarding the woman's health, he states that "she had suffered from hemorrhage for twelve years..."; Let's see that if Mark wants to highlight the impotence of the human being, we could say that it is in order to remark the power of Jesus: a power that emanates from Him, a power that

come out from him. Mark wants to make the difference between Jesus and the Prophets of the Old Testament: Elijah resurrecting the son of the widow of Sarepta (1 R 17, 17-24), Elisha bringing the Shunamite back to life (2 R 4, 18-37). Both of them start invoking the Lord. Mark knows these famous examples by heart; And precisely, Mark manifests the direct power of Jesus in person over sickness and death: "Do not be afraid, just believe," he tells Jairó.

The resuscitation of Jairus' daughter is an image, a foretaste of our resurrection: in the same way that Jesus takes the girl's hand, so he will take ours, when each one's time comes.

And one day, the Lord will tell the whole humanity: « Talitha kum ». To share in this power of Jesus's healing and resurrection, only one condition is required, to believe that it may happen:

« Woman, your faith has restored you to health ».

Faith, freely given, is the necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. This is undoubtedly the second topic of Mark in this story. A faith that anyone can access: Jairó is a head of the synagogue, a respectful and respected man; but at the other side, we find the woman whose illness causes permanent blood loss, which keeps her in a state of legal impurity. Here we find an instance of Mark that already appears at the beginning of his Gospel, in the episode of the healing of the leper: Jesus' fight against all kinds of exclusion.

Finally, the last characteristic of Mark, consists on how he stresses the instructions of silence given by Jesus after each manifestation of his power: "Jesus gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about it." Undoubtedly, this must be seen as a sign of the "messianic secret", that is: the fact that Jesus cannot be recognized as Messiah, without misunderstandings, but after the Passion. In today's Gospel, Jesus flees from all personal appreciation so, without drawing attention to himself, he turns to the young woman who wakes up and simply says: « give her something to eat ».

Keys for Prayer:

1. What does Jesus transmit to us in this text?
2. What people around us need to be resurrected, purified, healed?
3. After reading the text, what call do you receive? where do you feel sent to?

I shall praise you, you have created me _____

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC. Bach - Cello Suite no. 2 in D minor BWV 1008

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvZRo-3wvU>

RAISE UP

Everything is possible with faith.
To have Faith dynamizes the life.

We need to ask to the Lord of our life
to increase our faith.
We are called and invited
to welcome in us the Kingdom
of justice, of peace, of gentleness.
To be conscious about the concrete and diverse
situations that each one of us have.
Always to come to You, giver of life.
You are always there,
In each step we walk.
You raise me up when I am overwhelmed.
You raise me up when I close in myself.
You raise me up, when is hard to go ahead.
You raise me up when I look in the opposite direction.
You raise me up, when I tolerate injustice.
You raise me up, when my words hurt.
You raise me up, when I only hear my voice.
You raise me up, when what's mine is mine.
You raise me up and your hand
is ready to hold mine.
You raise me up, you welcome and care for me.
With you Lord I am
Strength, courage and friend.
Increase my faith,
So that from you
Encourage, wake up and show solidarity
with life from the mystique of what is different,
That makes more kind the existence,
weaving together Fraternity, Synodality, Ecology
Lay your hands upon me
That I may heal life, encouragement, hope.
Raise me up to raise others up too.

SONG.

"You raise me up", Josh Groban

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oni0tO_HN30



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