

XXI SUNDAY GOSPEL
21st of August 2022, Cycle. C



YOUR FAITHFULNESS LASTS FOREVER.



YOU, LOVE

SETTING

Being close to you, everything is easier. You are a door, a proposal for eternal life, which means that mine is involved and committed to the life around me.

Look at me, call me and pronounce my name. I want to follow you and enter through the door that you indicate.

I put myself in your hands. Make me an instrument of yours; let my words and my gestures speak of you.

Strengthen my faith so that I may always stand for justice, for the poor, for every person who believes and searches, who lends their ear to your words.

Invited to the banquet of the Kingdom, we walk each day making the Kingdom.

SONG. HERE I AM LORD – ERIC TOM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

GOSPEL – Luke 13, 22-30

“He passed through cities and towns teaching, as he walked towards Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?. He said to them: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not be able to. When once the owner of the house has got and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying: 'Lord, open to us!' And he will answer: "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say: "We ate and drank with you, taught in our streets. But he will say "I do not know where come from. Go away from me, all you evildoers! “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the Kingdom of God. "Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

We deepen the Gospel

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and visibly wastes no opportunity to teach, even though what he says is not always what he is expected to say. In today's story, for example, someone asks Jesus a question and he does not answer directly; the question revolves around salvation: "Lord, will only a few be saved?" The answer is not going to deal with those who will be saved, as if there were the chosen and the excluded, the answer highlights that there is only one condition to enter the kingdom: to be able to pass through the door!... “Make every effort to enter through the narrow gate, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not be able to do so." To the Jews who listen to him, Jesus says: "You will knock on the door and say, we ate and drank in your presence and you taught in our squares." What Jesus is referring to here is the security of his interlocutors, his conviction that, because they belong to the chosen people, they automatically have the right for salvation, that is, the door will be wide open for them. And there, Jesus speaks to them very clearly; the door is the same for everyone. And why are they not the preferred ones to enter? Jesus continues: “The owner of the house will answer you; I do not know where you come from. Stay away from me, all you who do evil." It is true that Jesus is one of them, that he has eaten and drank with them and that he has taught in their villages; it is true that their ancestors are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but it is also true that they do not accept the kingdom of God as a gift; they are convinced that, for them, it is a right.

This makes us to understand the last sentence of Jesus' speech: "The last will be first, and the first will be last." As in every vocation, this choice of God was, in the first place, a mission: if they had been invited to the kingdom in the first place, he had the mission of making all of humanity to enter there. Isaiah had reminded his contemporaries several times. His mission was to share God's desire: that his salvation touches all of humanity. And, instead of doing so, when Jesus speaks in the name of God, they refuse to accept his teachings because it bothers them in their certainties and their own personal satisfaction: they have the right! This is the reason why, for certain contemporaries of Jesus, it was their own convictions that prevented them from recognizing in Him the Messiah that, without a doubt, they expected with all their hearts.

Clues for prayer.

1. What does the Gospel says to your life?
2. What salvation do you expect?
3. What salvation do you pass on?

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. DINNER WITH JD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmOJyFrBe7M>

**YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE
YOU SAVE ME**

YOU, LOVE

Lord, you who take care of us
forever.

Keep educating us
in your way.

The rights are not acquired.

Every day is a step

there is a path

to go around

On this path, love.

guaranteed care

for you, Lord.

Ours,

in that line, it is to love.

Plan life from there,

it is an option
to specify,
in every little detail
in every circumstance.
life has to hurt us,
Everything affects me
Everything matters to me
Every person is a
matter
that concerns me
live in another way
is to turn your back
to your proposal,
to enter the door
of the Kingdom.
The humanity
It is a question
for all;
it is my problem.
Give me your light Lord
to believe in this model;
delivery, free,
the timeless.
So everything in me
turn around
to your logic;
The love that involves us,
that commits us
that takes us
always to give more and better.
You be my door, Lord.
that me too
could be the door
for all.

**SONG.WHATSEVER YOU DO TO THE LEAST OF MY
PEOPLE. Willard Jabusch.**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_125Hgnf3uk



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