

XXIII SUNDAY GOSPEL
4th of September 2022. Cycle C



LORD YOUR WISDOM



OUR WAY

SETTING

I come Lord making a way with your dreams and mine. Give me today and always your peace, your grace, your love so that I with you I can share it with everyone.

Being your disciple means opting for you, as the only, true and fundamental thing in our life. To opt supposes, to accept, to renounce.

What do you want to tell me Lord today to help me strengthen my following for you, from the circumstances and the lives of those who walk your paths, those who seek you and also those who are far away.

Where to put our heart? Always for others, the little ones, the vulnerable and for those who need you the most.

My strength with yours, draw and open a new path.

SONG. Here I am Lord: Eric Tom

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

GOSPEL – Luke 14, 25-33

"Many people were walking with him, and turning to them he said, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father, his mother, his wife, his children, his brothers, his sisters, and even his own life, He cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. "For which of you, who wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, and see if he has to finish it? Lest, having laid the foundation and not being able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, who goes out to confront another king, does he not first sit down and deliberate whether he can meet the one who comes against him with twenty thousand with ten thousand men? And if not, while he is still a long way off, he sends an embassy to ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who do not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

We deepen the Gospel

Let us start with the phrase of Jesus that concerns our affective family relationships; Jesus does not tell us to abandon them as this would be unfairly useless and uselessly cruel to those around us. It would also be contrary to all his teaching on love and also to the commandments "you shall honour your father and your mother". This entire means, without a doubt: these emotional ties are good, but they should not be obstacles. A bond of union that prevented us from following Jesus Christ would not be a sign of true love. From now on, the bond that unites us to Jesus in Baptism is stronger than any earthly bond.

But the difficulty of this gospel lies elsewhere, because, at first glance, the relationship between the different parts that make it up is not very clear: first sentence of Jesus: "If someone comes to me, without preferring me to his father and his mother..., he cannot be my disciple..." This will be taken up as an echo (in inclusion) in the last sentence: "Whoever among you does not renounce all his goods, cannot be my disciple." Between these two sentences, we find two small parables: the one about the man who wants to build a tower and the one about the king who is going to wage war. The lessons they offer are similar: when you want to build a tower, you have to start by doing your math; otherwise

you can embark on madness. As for the king planning a war, he too must first take stock of his possibilities: wisdom consists in adjusting his ambitions to the level of his means.

Jesus, in his speech, says the same thing: **"Accept not having security: my grace is sufficient for you."** The first reading of the book of Wisdom tells us clearly: the wisdom of God is not the wisdom of men. Indeed: what would seem madness in the eyes of men is the wisdom that God loves. With him we are always in the logic of the grain of wheat that agrees to be buried, but that is the price that it can germinate and bear fruit.

Blessed are those who know how to get rid of false precautions... Perhaps that is what prepares them to go through the narrow door that we talked about two Sundays ago (Luke 13, 24)

Clues for Prayer

1. What positive traits have remained in your life? Are there any elements that can be improved?
2. What does the Gospel invite you this Sunday?
3. To the society in which we live, what light does this Gospel offers?

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Every Breath – Lydia McCauley
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vG--gGlasas>

**YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE
EMBRACE MY DREAMS**

IN YOUR WISDOM, WE ARE ONE

With you Lord, forward.
The road is wide
Safe, firm, cozy,
Optional, immense, future.
Your path is free.
Sometimes we take steps forward
Other times we need to stop,
To look and see
What is in it
Those who walk it.
Sometimes we go backwards.

Everything supposes to choose,
Leave to host,
Set you free to be free.
Choose your path today,
Compromise my life.
From the radical
I want to follow you.
This life is that
Know whom I have trusted
And keep trusting.
In freedom, make way.
Look ahead,
Also on each side
Up and down.
Discern and be passionate.
Splurge at every step
This life given away
To take you
To the centre of life.
Walk and stop,
Pick up and leave,
Receive and deliver,
Love and love
Let us be one with you.
Let us recover our tradition,
Let us update our identity.
Let us be one with you.
And in our style
Let us walk with a firm step,
Opting for kindness,
Justice and love.
Today let us be one with you.

SONG. Lord I offer my Life to you: Samantha Sams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahgm89R9G5E>



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