II Sunday of LENT – 5tho of March 2023 - Cycle A



BECAUSE I LISTEN TO YOU, I AM A WITNESS



SETTING

On the way, a climb, being with Him to be witnesses. Sometimes staying in one place and with the people you love is the easiest, the most comfortable, but in life there are ascents that you then have to descend. You have to go up, you have to be and you have to go down.

From experience, touching life impregnated with Easter, being witnesses. Such is life in the beloved Son. Called to be transparency of what we have seen and heard, of what we have experienced.

On this second Sunday of Lent, we continue to make the way, let us make it alive, real friend.

The experience of God favours the trail to follow, although going down costs, that is life.

SONG. COE BAC TO ME - CATHOLIC LYRICS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJ20I-UhTec

GOSPEL – Mathew 17, 1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them: his face became bright as the sun, and his clothes became white as snow. At this, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, who were conversing with him. Peter, taking the floor, said to Jesus: "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses." another for Elijah. He was still speaking, when a bright cloud covered them with its shadow, and from the cloud came a voice saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces in fear, but Jesus, approaching them, touched them and said, "Get up, do not be afraid." They lifted up their eyes and no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one about this vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

We deepen the gospel

"Jesus takes with him Peter, James and John his brother". Once again, we find ourselves before the mystery of God's choices: A little earlier, in Caesarea, Jesus had said to Peter: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the Power of death will be able to do nothing against him" (Mt 16:18). But Peter, responsible for this capital mission, is not alone with Jesus, but is accompanied by two brothers, James and John, sons of Zebedee. "And Jesus takes them aside, on a high mountain".

On the high mountain of the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John, the columns of the Church, are eyewitnesses of the Revelation of the God of tenderness, incarnated in Jesus: "This is my son, the one I love... Listen to him". This expression designates Jesus as the Messiah that he is: in Jewish ears, this simple phrase is a triple allusion to the Old Testament. That is right, it evokes three different texts and they are in all memories. Three texts and three figures: King descendant of David, Beloved Servant of the Father and Prophet who must listen.

It is not strange that the Apostles are seized by the fear that invades man before the manifestation of the Holy God. Nor is it strange, if Jesus lifts them up and reassures them: the Old Testament has revealed to the people of the Covenant that the Most High God is the God close to man and that fear does not fit into this relationship. Jesus commands them not to say anything to anyone for the time being, "before the Son of Man rises from the dead": With this last sentence, Jesus confirms everything that the revelation, of which they have been, witnesses. Jesus is truly the Messiah! In passing, let us remember that Daniel had presented the son of man not as a solitary individual, but as a people to whom he calls "the people of the saints of the Most High."

On the mountain, the entire humanity will receive the eternal kingship and will be eternally transfigured. However, only after the Resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles will be able to testify about this event!

Clues for prayer: imaginative contemplation

- Read the text slowly, imagine the place, listen to the voice, you can enter the scene.
- - What meaning does this scene have in your life? Have you contemplated the glory of God at any time? Remembre it and relieve the experience.
- - How do you manifest it in your life?

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Kourosh Dini - A River Begins (Calm) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhe8JYsyIoA</u>

YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE BECAUSE I LISTEN TO YOU, I AM A WITNESS

GO UP COMING DOWN

This is my beloved son, Listen to him Listen to life Is the way to be And be with him. We follow your path, Lord. The one who does not have more, If not less Smaller, simpler, Without haughtiness, among equals, You are chosen, beloved. Always with others To whom you participate Of your mission, ours. Although, always you go first. Listen to life Going down from the mountain To the plain. In life, stretch out your hands, Tune your ears, Sharpen the look, Walk the steps, Express words in gestures, Reaching the other side. Listen to life Who comes out to meet,

Where sometimes you do not look, There is also time. Listen to life That sprouts at every moment, Where there is welcoming Care, gentle care, Meeting-making word, Always nice. Listen to life Who wants to be, despite Of the oppressor, despite the Torment. Listen to life In the friend, also in the other. Strengthen the feet that carry different shores, diverse, extreme, Even enemies. Sing that life In the gift received. Go up, going down, There is the meaning, the depth, Life, others, brethren. Walking towards Easter, Going up we will be going down.

SONG. JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN PEAK – Wren manalo https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJec8-pfVQk



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