

# VII Sunday - 23 february25 -Cycle C



# TEACH ME TO LOVE/LOVE



#### SETTING

Teach me Lord to share my life with you, starting from me, going to others and reaching you.

You teach us to love, you show us with your life what that means, how to communicate with my life that you are my Lord, which is the same as saying, you are Love, with your words and your gestures and that through everything you teach us how to be and live.

Love everyone? It's what you tell us, what you ask of us, what you live, how to love like that?

Loving someone who causes or causes you harm? Difficult, but possible. Simply love.

**SONG. Whatsoever you do to the least of people** <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_125Hgnf3uk</u>

## **GOSPEL** – Luke 6, 27-38

But I say to you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who defame you. To him who strikes you on one cheek, turn the other also; and whoever takes away your cloak, do not deny him your tunic. To everyone who asks you give, and to anyone who takes what is yours, do not ask back. And whatever you want others to do to you, do it to them too. If you love those who love you, what merit do you have? For sinners also love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what merit do you have? Sinners also do the same! If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Sinners also lend to sinners to receive the corresponding amount. Rather, love your enemies; do good, and lend without expecting anything in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. «Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged, do not condemn and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you; He will put a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, overflowing, in the hem of your garments. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

#### To deepen the Word today (Marie-Noëlle THABUT)

**1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 22-23.** A beautiful story that illustrates David's magnanimity in relation to Saul, whom God had consecrated king. But every man, "image" of God, is not also "anointed of the Lord"?

**Psalm 102.** God is forgiveness, healing, tenderness, mercy. And us with our brothers?

**1Cor 15, 45-49.** It was impossible to represent a "terrestrial" body converted into a "spiritual" one, and also impossible to imagine life after death. All that can be said is what faith affirms. Transformed, we will be like Christ and with Him. Christ has taken on the human condition, to make us participate in the divine condition.

Luke 6, 27-38. "Be merciful as your Father is merciful": "then you will be the children of the God of heaven, for he is good and merciful to the ungrateful and to the wicked." It almost makes you want to say: What a

program! And yet, that is our vocation. That's right, if we reread the entire Bible, we see that it is presented as the story of the conversion of human beings and that they learn, little by little, to dominate their violence. This slow removal of violence from the heart of man is expressed literally. That's right, the biblical texts are going to help man discover that his true honor lies elsewhere, that that honor consists of resembling God who is "good to the ungrateful and the wicked." Today, Jesus' speech is the last stage of this education: from the law of retaliation, we have moved on to the call to gentleness and selflessness; to perfect gratuitousness. Jesus insists twice, at the beginning and at the end: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you» ... "Love your enemies without expecting anything in return." Suddenly, the ending surprises us a little. Up to this point it was not easy, but, at least, it was logical: God is merciful and invites us to imitate him and here the last lines seem to change tone: «Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you...you will receive a measure well filled, pressed, shaken, overflowing, which will be emptied into your apron; "The measure you use for others will also serve for you." Have we returned to, give me and I will give you? Obviously not, since it is Jesus who speaks. Jesus simply shows us a very reassuring path: to never fear being judged, let us be content not to condemn others. As for the phrase: "Your reward will be great, you will be children of God," we must understand that there is expressed the wonder discovered by those who obey the Christian ideal of gentleness and forgiveness. That is, to the profound transformation that takes place in them since they have opened the door to the Spirit of God, who inhabits them and inspires them more and more.

## Tips for prayer

- What specifically does the gospel text invite you to do?
- Share with Jesus those knots that you carry in your heart and that prevent you from bringing the gospel to life.
- In our society, in our community, how can we make the message of the gospel come to life?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC. KENDRA SPRINGER - ANGELA <u>https://youtu.be/j\_0avBpH5PA?si=M-</u> gsWY6WA\_shh9FS

# LOVE CAN EVERYTHING

Love and do what you want. love enemies It is challenging and difficult, not impossible. love enemies involves forgiving, let go of resentment and the desire for revenge. Jesus taught us how to forgive, not just once, but repeatedly. Love and do what you want. Always wish for good and everyone, walking through the of path reconciliation. Be you, don't let me in you the desire not to forget, the resentment that festers and satisfies provoked anger, distance generators insurmountable, paralyzing. Loving loving transcending I can't, because I do want to. Love and do what you want. Be a word and sign of hope, In this volatile world,

uncertain, complex and ambiguous. advantage Take of the opportunity at every moment and let yourself carry the good, how beautiful, how just the encounter inspires you with yourself, with others, with you Lord. Love and do what you want. Being with you, everything is possible. Life possible, is more dignified, more human, more fraternal. With you we feel the strength to walk accompanied. With you we experience a presence that gives life, made good news. With you we are better. I want to love and be as You invite me to be. I want to be with me and with my neighbor. Like You give me and give me. Love anyway.

## SONG.LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kv5sF6KhOiM



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