



THE WORD

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Reflection: *“If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.” We are again confronted with one of Jesus’ “hard sayings.” So the question is, did Jesus really meant that we should “hate” our family members and even our own life in order to be his disciple? Some would say Jesus is making a hyperbolic comment to give emphasis on what he wants to say. Others would say that he meant, preferring our family members and our life first before Jesus. Either way, we should take this message of Jesus as a message of what it takes to become Jesus’ disciples. Do we have what it takes? Could we make sacrifices for the kingdom? Could we make Jesus first before our relatives? These are the questions that Jesus is asking us if we really want to follow him. If we find it hard, let us pray to the Holy Spirit to assist us in this difficult task.*

Introduction to the Mass:

PUT JESUS FIRST. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, ‘Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple.’ Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don’t face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today’s Second Reading.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon:
(Psalm 118:137, 124)

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Greeting
(Sign of the Cross)

P – The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
All – And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

P – Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P – Lord Jesus, you fill us at daybreak with your kindness: Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – Christ Jesus, you invite us to be your disciples: Christ, have mercy.

All – Christ, have mercy.

P – Lord Jesus, you show us your ways: Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten

Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and received adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

[Wisdom 9:13-18]

A reading from the book of Wisdom

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens. As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men [*or: all people*] been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The Word of the Lord.

All – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

[Psalm 89]

R: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and

flowers; by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever. Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

Second Reading:

[Philemon 9-10, 12-17]

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to

you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord.

All – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

[Psalm 118:135]

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

[Luke 14:25-33]

P – The Lord be with you.

All – And with your spirit.

P – A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All – Glory to you, O Lord.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty

thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

P – The Gospel of the Lord.
All – Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*). And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the

Father, and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

P — Knowing that God will prosper the work of our hands, we present our prayers today, for every petition, let our response be:

R — Lord, hear our prayer.

C — That Christians throughout the world be led by Scripture and inspired by the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord: **(R)**

C — That nations more carefully consider the needs of their poorest citizens as they plan budgets and programs, let us pray to the Lord: **(R)**

C — That slavery in all its forms be eradicated from the earth, and all human beings be seen as equal members of society, let us pray to the Lord: **(R)**

C — That people who are sick and infirm may experience care and the consolation of God, let us pray to the Lord: **(R)**

C — For our friends and family members who have just recently died [*especially, may mention the name/s here*] that they enjoy the light of

Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **(R)**

P — God of refuge and shelter, fill us with the fire of your love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **All** — Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

P — Pray, brothers and sisters...

All — May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface

(Sundays in Ord. Time V)

P — The Lord be with you.

All — And with your spirit.

P — Lift up your hearts.

All — We lift them up to the Lord.

P — Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All — It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; you formed man [or us] in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and for ever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

All - Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Acclamation

P – The mystery of faith.

All – We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

All – Our Father...

P – Deliver us, Lord...

All – For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Invitation to Peace

Invitation to Communion
(kneel)

P – Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All – Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

[cf. Psalm 41:2-3]

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion

P – Let us pray

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

P – The Lord be with you.

All - And with your spirit.

P – May the blessings of almighty God, the Father, and the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

P – Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All – Thanks be to God.

"In the course of the liturgical year the church unfolds the mysteries of our salvation culminating in the celebration of the paschal mystery. On Sundays we commemorate this mystery with special solemnity and make the day of the Lord one of apostolic service, prayer and joyful fellowship."

- SVD Constitutions 404 (excerpt)



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