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THE VITAL LINK BETWEEN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

They say there is no way to repay love, except through love. But today Jesus teaches us that love can be repaid also with forgiveness. This is so because forgiveness is just another term for love. Such is the lesson taught us by Jesus today through the episode of the sinful woman to whom much was forgiven because she had loved much. The opposite also was true, that she loved much because much had been forgiven her.

This applies also to us because the link between love and forgiveness envelops the whole of mankind in a network of salvation and peace. Forgiveness is a way to reciprocate love; love is a way to respond to forgiveness. May this Eucharistic celebration strengthen us in this conviction and enable us to live by it.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior!

Greeting

P—Blessed be the Lord God who is most loving, merciful, and forgiving. May His grace and peace be with you all!

All—And with your spirit!

Penitential Act

P—My brothers and sisters, as we are about to celebrate the mysteries of God's merciful love, let us call to mind our sins and implore from the Lord Jesus pardon and strength. *(Pause)*

P—For the times we have taken your forgiveness for granted, Lord, have mercy!

All—Lord, have mercy!

P—For the times we have re-

fused to forgive those who have offended us, Christ, have mercy!

All—Christ, have mercy!

P—For the times we have failed to be instruments of your care and love for our neighbor, 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.

All—Amen!

Gloria

All—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 Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Collect *(Opening Prayer)*

P—O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you, mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

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.

All—Amen!

LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading 2 Sm 12:7-10.13

Carried away by his lust, King David committed two very grave sins. Thus, the Lord God sent to him the prophet Nathan to bring the king to repent of his sins.

R – A proclamation from the Second Book of Samuel

Nathan said to David: “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king of Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your lord’s house and your lord’s wives for your own. I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were not enough, I could count up for you still more.

Why have you spurned the Lord and done evil in his sight? You have cut down Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you took his wife as your own, and him you killed with the sword of the Ammonites.

Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife.’”

Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan answered David: “The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die.”

The Word of the Lord!
All—Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32*

R—*Lord, forgive the wrong I have done!*

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* Blessed is the one whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. **R.**

* I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, “I confess my faults to the Lord,” and you took away the guilt of my sin. **R.**

* You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me;

with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round. **R.**

* Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart. **R.**

2nd Reading *Gal 2:16.19-21*

Many faithful of Galatia had been misled into believing that certain Jewish observances, such as circumcision and the abstention from some foods prescribed by the Law of Moses, were necessary for salvation. St. Paul explained that it is only a living faith in Jesus that brings salvation.

R – A proclamation from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

We who know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God.

I have been crucified with Christ. Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me. Insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The Word of the Lord!
All—Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation *1 Jn 4:10b*

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!
God loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 7:36-50*

A woman of ill repute bathed Jesus’ feet with her tears and wiped them dry with her hair. To counteract the negative impression of his host, Jesus reminds him and us about the supremacy

of love and the vital link between love and forgiveness.

P –The Lord be with you!
All—And with your spirit!

P – A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All—Glory to you, O Lord!

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. “Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days’ wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?” Simon said in reply, “The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven.” He said to him, “You have judged rightly.”

Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”

He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The others at table said to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord!

All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

All—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, (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 —Mindful of the vital connection between forgiveness and love, in full confidence, let us present our petitions to the Lord, trusting not in our merits, but in the abundance of His mercy. Let our response be:

All—Merciful Lord, hear our prayer!

C —For the Universal Church: May she be for all mankind the instrument of God's forgiveness and the example of His merciful love. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For the Holy Father, our Bishop, the priests, and all other religious leaders: May they edify us through their heartfelt mercy and the sincerity of their love for all. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all public servants and leaders in the different sectors of society: May they, like King David, acknowledge their sins before the Lord, repent, and make amends for them by returning anything that is not rightfully theirs and living uprightly. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all Filipinos: As we celebrate Independence Day, may we love our country and show our patriotism by keeping our environment clean, supporting the education of even one poor child, and living an honest life. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all Catholics: May we, like the sinful woman, love the Lord so much as to be truly sorry for our sins, humbly ask forgiveness for them in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and try our best to avoid sin. Let us pray! **R.**

C —For all of us: As we celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy, may we forgive those who have hurt us, help the poor, and do more corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Let us pray! **R.**

C —Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions (*Pause*) Let us pray! **R.**

P —Lord God, we thank You for Your forgiving love. Grant us the grace to be for all our brothers and sisters the instruments of Your love and forgiveness according to the example of Your Son Jesus who loves and forgives for ever and ever.

All—Amen!



Preparation of the Gifts

P —Pray, brethren. . .

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

P —O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

Preface VII

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!

P —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 so loved the world that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer, to live like us in all things but sin, so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son, by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts of yours that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

All—Holy, holy, holy . . .

Memorial Acclamation

P —The mystery of faith!

All—We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!



All—Our Father . . .

P —Deliver us, Lord . . .

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

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All—Lamb of God . . .

Communion

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

(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Prayer after Communion

P —As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen!

CONCLUDING RITES



P —The Lord be with you.

All—**And with your spirit!**

P —May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All—Amen!

P —Go in peace to love and forgive your neighbor as Jesus did.

All—Thanks be to God!



LOVE AND FORGIVENESS, THE INSEPARABLE DUO

Love is a beautiful, exhilarating experience. It affirms and even transforms people. It brings out the best in us, even as hatred brings out the worst. Love is definitely one of the best “inventions” of God, so to speak. No amount of money or precious objects is enough to pay even for an ounce of love. It is freely given and received with all one’s heart and it is paid for or deserved only with loving attitudes and actions.

Love is the “first name” of God. All that is loving is rooted in Him. It derives from Him and ultimately leads to Him. It is no wonder that St. John wrote: **“Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love . . . and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him”** (1 Jn 4:8,16). The same apostle also said: “Whoever says, ‘I love God’ but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen . . . **Whoever loves God must also love his brother”** (1 Jn 4:20-21).

And this is where love becomes a challenge, for love can be disappointed and hurt. It can be hurt very deeply or even killed. And the temptation to withhold love from the person who has hurt us, and even to repay evil with evil, may envelop us like a violent cyclone threatening to create havoc. Indeed, sometimes the duty to love those who have hurt us may seem impossible to fulfill. It is so much against our natural inclination.

But that duty remains, nonetheless. And this is where forgiveness comes in. **Forgiveness is love that refuses to be defeated.** It is love that refuses to die. Forgiveness is an overflowing of mercy which, like a gentle perfume, overpowers the stench of injustice and resentment. Whenever it is offered with sincerity, forgiveness is like a balm that envelops and revives the wrongdoer, restoring to him/her the worth which was lost through the wrong done.

That forgiveness, prompted by love, evokes love in return, as a mirror reproduces the image of whoever stands in front of it. Then love and trust are reborn. Forgiven people feel reborn. And peace flourishes in them.

Once again, it is God who “invented” forgiveness as a way to mend and heal wounded love and to make life blossom again. And just as He did with love, God does not just forgive us, but expects and demands that we learn to do likewise, according to the teaching and example of His Son Jesus who made forgiveness one of the basic requests and duties included in the only prayer he taught his disciples.

Love and forgiveness, then, come from God and lead to Him. They have in Him their champion and their reward. They are a wonderful equation. One recalls and demands the other. Their presence creates life, just as their absence equals death. **The more we love, the readier we are to forgive. The more we forgive, the more eager we feel to love. And in the process we, mere mortal people, become evermore God-like.**



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