



# EUCHALETTE

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Year B

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY

# THE QUEST FOR THE REAL RICHES

Material riches are not an evil in themselves. They become **a blessing** if we keep our hearts detached from them and use them generously to help those in need. Then we are also spiritually rich, and our generosity becomes liberating for us and uplifting for its beneficiaries.

But material wealth becomes **a curse** when it destroys the sensitivity of those who allow themselves to be dominated by the craving for it. Woe to us if we allow material riches to possess our hearts! We would soon find ourselves in a state of spiritual bankruptcy.

Let this Eucharistic celebration remind us of the superiority of the spiritual values and give us the grace to use our material resources according to God's plan.

Today, Indigenous Peoples' Sunday, we are also expected to remember and pray for the original inhabitants of the Philippines. We are exhorted to recognize and respect their rights and dignity, and to love them as our brothers and sisters in Christ.



### INTRODUCTORY RITES



#### Entrance Antiphon

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

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

#### Greeting

**P** –Blessed be God, the treasure of our life. May His wisdom and grace be with you all!

**All** –**And with your spirit!**

#### Penitential Act

**P** –As we prepare ourselves to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, our divine treasure, let us reflect on what makes us unworthy to do so. *(Pause)*

**P** –Lord Jesus, you are the incarnate Wisdom of the Father. Lord, have mercy!

**All** –**Lord, have mercy!**

**P** –Lord Jesus, you challenge us to detach our hearts from all material things. Christ, have mercy!

**All** –**Christ, have mercy!**

**P** –Lord Jesus, you promise eternal life to those who renounce everything for the sake of the Gospel. 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** –May your grace, O Lord, be pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

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!



**1st Reading** *Wis 7:7-11*

*At the beginning of his reign, Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom. In the passage that we are about to hear proclaimed, he tells us why he asked for such a gift.*

**R** –A proclamation from the Book of Wisdom

**I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.**

**I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her, because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.**

**Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.**

**Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.**

The Word of the Lord!  
**All**–Thanks be to God!

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 90*

**R** –*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*



**\* Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!** **R.**

**\* Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.** **R.**

**\* Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!** **R.**

**2nd Reading** *Heb 4:12-13*

*Here is a beautiful exaltation to the power and incisiveness of God’s word. This is the Word that judges us but which also empowers us to live as God’s children.*

**R** –A proclamation from the Letter to the Hebrews

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.**

**No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.**

The Word of the Lord!  
**All**–Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Acclamation**

**All**–Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel** *Mk 10:17-30*

*In today’s Gospel passage Jesus stresses the importance of keeping ourselves free from any form of enslavement. It also emphasizes God’s generosity toward those who make Him their highest value.*

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

**P** – A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**All**–Glory to you, O Lord!

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments:

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not defraud.

**Honor your father and your mother.”**

The man replied and said to him, “Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth.” Jesus looking at him, loved him and said to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

At that statement the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the Kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, “Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.”

Peter began to say to him, “We have given up everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters, or mother

or father, or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands – with persecutions! – and eternal life in the age to come.”

The Gospel of the Lord!  
**All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

*(Nicene-Constantinopolitan 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** –As we pursue our quest for a better economic condition, let

us not forget that there are higher values in life which we should not neglect or sacrifice for the sake of material advantages. Let us pray to God as we say:

**All**–Source of all wisdom, graciously hear us!

**C** –For all the leaders of the Church: May they guide the faithful with wisdom and factual concern for their spiritual good. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For the rich and the powerful: May the abundance of the material means they enjoy not blind them to the existence of higher values. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For the youth and all those who seek the meaning of life: May they find it in the person of Jesus and in living according to his Gospel. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For our indigenous peoples: May they enjoy the full respect of their legal rights and the solidarity of all Filipinos. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** –For those who exclude God in their lives: May they overcome worldly distractions and the lure of false ideologies to find that the truth that will set them free is with God. Let us pray! **R.**

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

**P** –Lord God, give us a real passion for the values that last forever, while not forgetting our daily needs as well as the needs of our neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**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** –Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrifici-

cial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.  
**All**–Amen!

## Preface IV

**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, through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity’s fallen state, and by his suffering, canceled out our sins; by his rising from the dead, he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end 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** –This is the Lord Jesus, our greatest treasure; the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to his Supper.

**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.)

**The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**P** –We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as

you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All—Amen!**



**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, glorifying the Lord by your life!

**All—Thanks be to God!**



## CHOOSING THE RICHES WITHIN

by Jess P. Balon

**T**here was sadness in the eyes of the young man – sadness all over his face – as he moved away from Jesus. (See Mk 10:22.) He had asked the right question: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” (Mk 10:17) That was the question that matters most in life. But he had been unable to accept the right answer: “Go and sell what you have and give it to the poor . . . then come and follow me” (Mk 10:21).

**Jesus’ answer contained the challenge to go beyond what is prescribed by the Commandment, and venture trustfully into the demanding realm of discipleship.** This includes: hands empty of material resources, a heart filled with love for God and neighbor, a will set on following Jesus till the end of our earthly pilgrimage, at all costs.

**The rich young man** was not prepared to stake so much. His heart was chained to his riches. He **preferred the deceptive security of earthly possessions to the apparent risk of total detachment and generosity.** From that moment he slipped into oblivion, joining the crowd of those who are unable to make spiritual values, the treasure of their lives. He failed to realize that the lasting wealth was in being with Jesus and thus belong to the Kingdom.

Others, more wise, would have accepted the challenging invitation of Jesus. **Solomon would surely have accepted it,** for he preferred the spirit of Wisdom to scep-

ter, throne, and gems. (See Wis 7:7-9.) *The apostles did accept the invitation to forsake everything and just be with Jesus.* (See Mk 10:28.)

**St. Anthony the Abbot accepted it** as he divested himself of all his possessions and made Jesus his only treasure. **Francis of Assisi did accept that challenge, too.** He was rich and young. He renounced all earthly properties to embrace the poverty of Christ, who **“though he was in the form of God . . . emptied himself and took the form of a slave”** (Phil 2:6.7). And from that moment onward, Francis started experiencing perfect happiness and freedom.

Like these, **during 20 centuries of Christianity, thousands of others, who had been born rich and powerful, chose the poverty of the cross and the richness of radical discipleship.** In this way, they become “free people” filled with the inner peace and joy which no thief can steal. They became “people for others” like their Leader. **Their empty hands were freer to rise in prayer and to serve countless millions of needy brothers and sisters.**

Today’s world, drugged with material ambitions and obsessions, needs to be reminded of the liberating richness of hands emptied of material resources but filled with love. **Our world needs to see that the real treasure is “within” each human person.** It needs to see this truth lived out in me and you.



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