



EUCHALET

A stylized illustration of a priest in a white robe with arms outstretched, standing behind a table. In front of him is a group of people, including children and adults, representing a congregation. A large cross is positioned to the right of the priest.

28 October 2018

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

PRISON AWARENESS SUNDAY

The Challenge to Be Compassionate Like Jesus

This last Sunday of October is also the last Sunday of the Month of the Rosary and of the Missions. We continue praying for our missionaries, offering for them our Rosaries and our financial support.

But today is also Prison Awareness Sunday. The prisoners are people we often forget and, perhaps, we do not want to think about. But they are still our brothers and sisters who, like everybody else, need our compassion, understanding, and prayer.

Let us keep this in mind as we offer this Eucharist for all those who are serving prison sentences, those who are doing their best to assist them, and all the personnel in our penitentiaries.

At the same time, deriving encouragement from the compassionate attitude of Jesus toward Bartimaeus, we seek the Lord's help for our personal needs and for the needs of all mankind. In this Eucharistic celebration, we will adapt the request of the blind man from Jericho and implore, "Lord, let us see the wonders of your love!"



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Greeting

P –Praise to Jesus, the light of the world who brings the vision of faith into our lives. May his grace and peace be with you all!
All–**And with your spirit!**

Penitential Act

P –Before we start the celebration of the Eucharist, let us ask the Lord for the grace of a purified spiritual vision that we may follow him like Bartimaeus.
(Pause)

P –Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world. Lord, have mercy!

All–**Lord, have mercy!**

P – Lord Jesus, you are the promised Messiah. Christ, have mercy!

All–**Christ, have mercy!**

P –Lord Jesus, you are a priest for ever. 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 –Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

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 *Jer 31:7-9*

Through the prophets, the Lord constantly encouraged the dispirited Israelites scattered in foreign lands after the fall of the Northern Kingdom to look forward to the days when they would return to their beloved homeland.

In this passage we will hear the heart-warming message sent by the Lord through the prophet Jeremiah.

R –A proclamation from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: “Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child.

They shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.”

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 126*

R –*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!*

R. M. Velez



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* **When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.** **R.**

* **Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.” The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.** **R.**

* **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.** **R.**

* **Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.** **R.**

2nd Reading *Heb 5:1-6*

Continuing his presentation of Jesus as the high priest of the New Testament, the author of this passage underscores both the similarity of Jesus with the priests of the Old Testament and his difference from them.

R –A proclamation from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people.

No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest; but rather the One who said to him: “You are my son: this day I have begotten you.” Just as he says in another place: “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

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

Gospel Acclamation

All – Alleluia! Alleluia!
Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through his Gospel. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 10:46-52*

The restoration of the eyesight to Bartimaeus shows both Jesus’ unique healing power and his generous availability to help out those who are in need. But in order to avail of his power, one must have faith as deep as that of Bartimaeus.

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 leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.

On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” Many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately the man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

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 –Encouraged by Jesus’ compassionate response to the plea of Bartimaeus, let us submit our petitions to him for the needs of all human beings, especially those who are most in need of his mercy. Let our response be:

All—Lord, help us see you in our neighbor!

C –For the whole community of believers: May it treasure the daily recitation of the Rosary and make it an effective instrument to promote unity, peace, and mutual understanding in all families. Let us pray! *R.*

C –For the Holy Father, the bishops, and all the clergy: May they always have the compassionate heart to lead to Jesus all those who, like Bartimaeus, are calling out to him. Let us pray! *R.*

C –For all the inmates: May their life in prison be for them an opportunity to encounter Christ, make amends for their wrong deeds, and constantly experience God’s love and compassion. Let us pray! *R.*

C –For the victims of crimes: May they find strength and healing in the love and compassion of the people around them, and may they learn to forgive those who have caused them pain. Let us pray! *R.*

C –For those who are involved in the prison ministry: May they be successful in the process of restorative justice in the life of the prisoners and of the victims of crime. Let us pray! *R.*

C –For all of us: May we open our eyes to the needs of the less fortunate so that they may see Jesus in us as we minister to their needs. Let us pray! *R.*

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

P –Lord Jesus, we thank you for the wonders of your love and compassion. Through the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Rosary, may our lives become a living reflection of the truths prayed and meditated upon in this precious devotion. You who live and care 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 –Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
All—Amen!

Preface I

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 through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvelous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, 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, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P –This is Jesus, the light of our lives, 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.)

**We will ring out our joy at
your saving help and exult in
the name of our God.**

Prayer after Communion

P –May your Sacraments, O
Lord, we pray, perfect in us
what lies within them, that
what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in
truth.

Through Christ our Lord.
All–Amen!



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

P –Bow your heads and pray
for God’s blessing. (Pause)
May the God of all consolations
bless you in every way
and grant you peace all the
days of your life.

All–Amen!

P –May He free you from all
anxiety and strengthen your
hearts in His love.

All–Amen!

P –May He make you instruments
of His love and compassion
toward all those
who are in need of help.

All–Amen!

P –And 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!

GOOD NEWS FOR THE LONELY

by Fr. Sal Putzu, SDB

It is a hard life for **people behind bars**, with not much to do and often having plenty of worries about members of the family who have been left behind without guidance and often without the meager financial support they need so badly . . .

It is a hard life for **elderly folks** confined to nursing homes or in their own houses, often sickly, with relatives going to visit them once a month or even more seldom, with no one to talk to, except people of the same old age who have nothing to say but the same old stories that even the walls have already memorized to infinity . . .

It is a hard life for **OCWs**, men or women, away from their loved ones, living in foreign countries, forced to learn a foreign language and to adapt to foreign customs, often without the emotional, moral and religious support that meant so much to them in their beloved, unforgettable homeland . . .

Such were the thoughts that unexpectedly crowded my mind and saddened my heart on Easter Day of 1998. And equally unexpectedly an inspiration dawned on me to do something for those distant, lonely, disheartened and forgotten brothers and sisters. Immediately after, that inspiration took on a name: **“GOOD NEWS FOR THE LONELY!”** Then, that name began to sound like **a call to action, a challenge, and a mission. The mission to supply those lonely folks with good reading materials such as bibles, catechism, edifying stories, magazines or leaflets, booklets that could help them participate in the Mass, or novenas, or to pray the Rosary . . .**

These materials could be given to them directly or through the chaplains or volunteers who would occasionally visit them.

In the following days that vision-mission led me to talk to or write letters to friends, acquaintances and authorities to solicit their help or involvement in whatever manner in this form of apostolate. The undertaking was clearly something far greater than I could possibly carry on single-handedly.

And help did come, sent by the Lord in a marvelous variety of ways and degrees. And so, using the structure and facilities of Word & Life Publications, I began sending bundles of free copies of our periodicals (**Salita at Buhay, Word & Life, Euchalette, Patnubay sa Misa, and The Messenger of Divine Love**), as well as rosaries, rosary pamphlets, the Way of the Cross and other devotional items to chaplains of penal colonies, hospitals, and people running nursing homes.

We also started uploading in the Internet our weekly liturgical leaflets, with the instruction that Filipino OCWs could download them for free anywhere in the world and reproduce them locally. Many in the Middle East, Europe, Indonesia, New Zealand, Japan and Canada . . . , as soon as they came to know about it, eagerly availed of this opportunity. More will surely do so in the near future.

We can only marvel at the way the Holy Spirit has been working over these past twenty years in enabling this initiative not only to continue, but also to spread far and wide. Divine Providence has given us the means to do so in ways that are wonderful and often surprising.

For more information and inquiries about how you can be a part of this worldwide apostolate, write us at

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