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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Prayer Service

Presider: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Let us acknowledge the times which we have not been faithful to God.

Penitential Rite A

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(striking your breast, say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then continue with:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Opening Prayer:

Presider: O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:

IS 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants— all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans:

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia:

see MT 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew:

MT 15: 21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection/ Family Discussion on the readings and Gospel:

Homiflection for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by Father Richard Sunwoo

It is important to remember, whenever we prayerfully read the Gospels, that Jesus never “wastes” time, words, or actions. He has revealed to us that when we see, hear, and watch him, that we are also watching, listening, and seeing The Father. Both He and The Father are ONE. Each person that Jesus encounters reveals to us who The Father is and what is in The Father’s heart. Today’s Gospel is not different.

Let us recognize the challenging facts of Jesus’ interaction with the Canaanite woman. Ostensibly, Jesus appears to ignore her. Nor does he appear particularly bothered by her sick daughter. Is it because she is a Canaanite and not Jewish? Is Jesus racist? Was she ignored because she was a woman? Is Jesus sexist? Was it because she was poor? Is Jesus snobbish?

Of course, the answer to all of these questions is a resounding “NO!” Let us open our minds now to the truth.

Firstly, Jesus heard her plea. However, his silence in response to her plea is quite challenging. His silence is such that even the disciples react. They urge him to either respond to her or send her away. In our own experience in prayer with Our Lord, at times we are met with the silence of Jesus. Depending on our situation, this can be really challenging if not downright upsetting. However, as we are reminded, Our Lord does not waste a moment. So, what is He teaching us here? He is teaching us two things: *patience & perseverance*.

At times, we are so overwhelmed by our need that patience is difficult. If we recognize that this is us, then let us return to our prayer. Remember to ask for patience, BUT in relation to *knowing* The Father’s will and asking for the grace to *enact* His will. To note, this is usually in small actions throughout the day. We grow in knowing God’s will and growing in joy as we are putting it into effect in our lives. We might even feel moved by God to dedicate a day each week to the practice of patience and look forward to those moments of mortification as opportunities to grow in this virtue.

We are taught the virtue of perseverance. When we persevere in the development of our interior life, we discover and discern the weight of our petitions. Is what we

are asking God really important or do I ask to fulfill a fleeting desire? Or worse, to ask out of compulsion? Recall the subject of your petitions in Junior High. How do you feel about them now? I hope that you can recognize that, in God's wisdom, he didn't grant you what you asked for! In today's Gospel, Jesus chose this moment to teach us this important lesson of perseverance.

What else is Jesus teaching us? TRUST. When we trust in The Father, we are able to exercise both of the virtues of patience and perseverance. The Father does not care if we are of a different race, culture, or people. If we trust in Him, He will never reject us! Jesus' response to this Canaanite Woman reveals to us the goal of our relationship with God: "O woman, GREAT is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire!"

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.

(raise from bow)

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

Intercessions:

Presider: We bring our prayers to God, whose love for us has no end.

1. That our parish may grow in holiness through the graces of the Eucharist
(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

2. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Jose Gomez, Fr. Richard and all who minister in the Church *(Pause for silent prayer).*

All: Lord, hear us.

3. That the Church will continue to be a voice of truth, mercy, and the love of Jesus, and that all will be encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel
(Pause for silent prayer).

All: Lord, hear us.

4. For the grace this week to persevere in prayer and faith, knowing that the Lord hears us and loves us *(Pause for silent prayer).*

All: Lord, hear us.

5. That those who hold public office will imitate the goodness of the Lord who secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed *(Pause for silent prayer).*

All: Lord, hear us.

6. For all who are ill throughout the world and all who take care of those individuals *(Pause for silent prayer).*

All: Lord, hear us.

7. For all who have died, especially N & N *(Pause for silent prayer).*

All: Lord, hear us.

Presider: We humbly bring our intercessions to you O Lord, trusting in You to answer them on your time not on our time.

Our Father:

Presider: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Sign of Peace:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Presider:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All:

And with your spirit.

Presider:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(At this time please offer a moment of silence before the Spiritual Communion is said.)

Spiritual Communion:

All: I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Closing Prayer:

Presider: Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen