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Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering into the kingdom of God before you."

MATTHEW 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27 2020

HUMILITY

Blessed Giles of Assisi, in the thirteenth century, wrote, "No one can attain the knowledge of God but by humility. The way to mount high is to descend." This helps express the profound truth of today's readings. In Ezekiel's view, only the humble can acknowledge fault and turn to God with repentance. In the Gospel from Matthew, those who view themselves humbly are able to recognize God's presence in Jesus. And in his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul's stirring hymn tells the story of Jesus, who through his humility showed us the depths of God's love. Jesus Christ is exalted as Lord precisely because of his humility and service to God. In our own parishes and faith communities, just like the Christian community of Philippi, we are called to follow Jesus' way, and live with humility and in service to one another.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Today's Gospel describes the second half of a sharp exchange between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. They asked, "By what authority do you do these things?" Much of this dispute is about authority. How could Jesus claim to represent God's purposes? This question continues to resonate today. Who speaks for God? Who doesn't? How do we tell the difference?

Jesus' response is, look at the evidence. Look at how, in response to John the Baptist and to Jesus, people were healed in body and in spirit. Look how people found new intimacy with God, and how they turned away from their sin. The authority of John and of Jesus rested not in some position within the religious institutions, but in the grace and healing power evident in John and in Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The readings today make it clear that to be a follower of Jesus you have to be able to change your mind. More precisely, we must allow God to change us, to transform our minds. For most of us, this can be really hard. This is why the readings speak so much about humility. Humility opens up our capacity to be transformed. Humility allows us to challenge our own thinking and behavior, so as to avoid self-justification on one hand, and self-denigration on the other hand.

Humility can be cultivated in the practice of reflection. This might mean claiming some time to allow God into our busy days. This might mean time away, through a retreat or day of quiet, perhaps with the help of a spiritual guide or director.

Humility can also be cultivated in actions of service. We learn Jesus' humility through washing each other's feet. We can place other's interests ahead of our own, and relinquish our need to be in control. When we cultivate humility, we create space within us to allow God to take residence and transform us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]
Matthew 21:28-32

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TODAY'S READINGS

Reading 1
Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Reading 2
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

In the shorter form of the reading, the passage in brackets is omitted. Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, [Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.]



READINGS FOR THE WEEK of
September 28 - October 4, 2020

Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday;
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Monday:

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday:

Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: St. Jerome;

Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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Rosalia

Tuesday, September 29th

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Wednesday, September 30th

Manuel Venturina †

Thursday, October 1st

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