

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

Ascension of the Lord  
Year B



## He was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God

**T**oday the Church celebrates the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus to heaven. The evangelist Mark remembers him with these very simple words: "After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God". In heaven he is taken up by the Father to Lord of the universe and Judge of living and dead. In his hands the whole mystery of the history is placed. Here is the liturgy that one lives in heaven today: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour, glory and might, forever and ever." (Rev. 5, 12-14). Of the mystery of Christ Jesus, each of his disciple must not drop any fragment on the ground. If one only fragment is dropped on the ground, the mystery of Jesus fades, it becomes less beautiful. It loses its vigour and force.

vie with each other to disfigure the mystery of the only Master, Saviour, Redeemer, Lord, Judge, Mediator, eternal Life that is Christ Jesus. The eternal Life is in Christ Jesus and by Him it is given to us. We live of eternal Life only if we become and remain one only body with Him, life from his life, life for his life, life in his life. What is truly the mission Jesus has entrusted his Apostles? That of continuing his life in their life. If they continue his life in the history, in their life, Christ Jesus also continues his life in their life. This truth is attested by the words:

*The mission that Jesus has entrusted his Apostles is that of continuing his life in their life*

"And they went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked through them, confirming His word by the signs that accompanied it". When Jesus do not accompany our

life with his signs, then it is evident that we are not the continuers of his life. Between us and Him there is a great gap, an abyss. Mother of God, come to our rescue. Let every disciple be life of Christ in his life, so that Christ Jesus may also be in the disciple and for Him.

Truly, we must confess that today the disciples of Jesus not only drop whole parts of the mystery on the ground, moreover they

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### With the Presbyters of the Church of the Lord

**W**hen we talk about of Presbyters of the Church, first we talk about the Church one, saint, catholic, apostolic, of the body of Christ, of the Father of heaven, of the Holy Spirit, of the Gospel, of the mission of Christ Jesus, that must continue in the world until the day of Parusia. One might never talk about Presbyters that are taken apart and isolated from this mystery that is unity of the body and of hierarchical communion within it. The fructification is only in the respect of the mystery. In the Holy Spirit, the heavenly Father constitutes his Son that becomes flesh and comes to live among us, as his sacrament of salvation for the human being. How does the Son realize the mission the Father has entrusted him? By remaining in the Holy Spirit, always by his will. The accomplishment of the will of the Father is the goal of the life of Christ the Lord on our earth. He speaks, works, moves, fulfils everything according obedience to the Father. He says to his disciples at the Jabob's well that "his food is to do the will of Him who sent him and to finish His work". The work is of the Father. The one who accomplishes it is Christ Jesus. Which work does Christ Jesus accomplish? That of manifesting

the will of the Father to every man, inviting everyone to conversion and to faith in his Word.

Jesus accomplishes what the Father commanded Him, what he asked Him because always moved by the Holy Spirit. Nothing is by motion of his heart. Everything is by conduct, inspiration, advice, intelligence, wisdom within the Holy Spirit. Not according to a different modality from his, but in everything similar to his. The Father has filled the Son of Holy Spirit. The Son fills his Apostles of Holy Spirit. They are sent to continue the mission of Christ Jesus in the world. What mission? That of announcing each man that the only name in which it is set that everybody can be saved is the name of Jesus the Nazarene. How does one

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enter this salvation? Preaching the Gospel of Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit, with its wisdom, intelligence, science, advice, and inviting every other man to conversion and to faith in the Gospel. As the Son lives to be obedient to the Father, in the Holy Spirit, so the Apostles must live to be obedient to Christ Jesus. As there is no will in Christ, because always moved and guided by the Holy Spirit, so no will must be in the Apostles, because always moved and guided by the Holy

Spirit. Christ is from the Father. The Apostles are from Christ.

The Apostles constitute Presbyters in every community. They must live to realize the mission of the Apostles that is mission of Christ Jesus. They are sent by the Apostles but always in the hierarchical communion with them. How should they live this hierarchical communion? Always in the Holy Spirit. They must pasture the Sheepfold of Christ that is Sheepfold of the Apostles, that is their sheepfold, with the Word Christ has delivered to the Apostles and, also, with the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Apostles must always give every new faithful in Christ Jesus. Every new faithful in Christ Jesus is associated by the Elders or by Presbyters to their mission, but always in hierarchical obedience to them. The sheepfold has been entrusted to them and they are responsible for the whole sheepfold to be fed of grace, truth, Holy Spirit. All this collaboration might be lived only if one grows in grace, wisdom, truth, light, Holy Spirit.

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## IF YOU LISTEN...

### Queen of Prophets

**T**he Virgin Mary is Queen of Prophets. Who is the prophet?

He is the one who not only makes the Word of the Living God resonate entire and pure, the one that is of the God of Abraham, of the God of Isaac, of the God of Jacob. But he is also the one who has manifested in the history to what extent the living and true God is great. To what extent his Word is omnipotent. To what extent his mercy is true. Moses descended into Egypt and manifested to pharaoh, who believes he was a god on the earth, that no element of creation obeyed him, instead they obey the Word of their God, Word that was pronounced by Moses. Elijah closed the heaven with his Word for three years and six months and always with his word, he made fire come down from heaven. Elijah is also the first one who has raised a dead. For Eliseus there were no impossible things. God accomplished every miracle and every prodigy by his mean. Of the other prophets, every Word pronounced by them has infallibly been accomplished. The Virgin Mary is more than any prophet

that has existed, exists, shall exist on the earth. She is a very particular prophet. Not only she gives and announces the Word of our God with a very powerful word of light that is the Magnificat. In Her the eternal Word of the Father, his Verb, his Only Son, became flesh and she gave Him to the world.

The Virgin Mary does not give the Word that enlightens the mystery, she gives the Holy Spirit itself that is light, wisdom, intelligence, science, perfect knowledge of the mystery. In the house of Elisabeth, She brings and gives the Holy Spirit to Elisabeth, her cousin, and suddenly, with the light of the Spirit in her heart, Elisabeth sees the mystery of the Virgin Mary and shouts it to the world. The prophet is also the one who presents the hearts of men to the Lord, pleading for them mercy, peace, consolation, hope. The Virgin Mary on the day of the wedding feast of Canaan goes to her Son and manifests him the heart of every man that is without the wine of alliance and consumes its day in a vanity of death. In the Last

Supper, after the glorious ascension of Jesus to heaven, the Virgin Mary presents her Son the prayer of the first community, that is prayer of request of the sending of the Holy Spirit upon it. The Virgin Mary is more than any other prophet. Whoever is willing to listen to Christ Jesus must listen to her Mother. He speaks to us through Her. Whoever is willing to speak to Christ Jesus must speak through Her. If Jesus does not listen to her voice, He does not recognize our cry. Mystery of beauty of the minister of prophecy of the Mother of God. Queen of Prophets, let us live in your mystery for all the days of our life. Amen.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

The body of Christ produces much fruit if everyone obeys the Holy Spirit. But what Spirit of the Lord must one obey? The obedience is only to the Spirit living in the body of Christ, that moves and rules the body of Christ. The Apostles receive the Spirit that is in the body of Christ. The Presbyters receive the Holy Spirit that is in the Apostles. The sheepfold of Christ receives the Spirit of Christ that is in the Apostles and in the Presbyters. But also the sheepfold of Christ gives, each one by their gift, his Holy Spirit to Presbyters and Apostles. The Presbyters give it to the Presbyters and to the Apostles, the Apostles give it to the Apostles and, also, to the Chief and Shepherd of all the Church that is the Pope. The Church lives if each of its members makes gift of his Holy Spirit to every other member.



## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### How does one walk in the mystery of the Church one saint catholic apostolic? How can a Christian manifest the depth of this mystery with his life?

**T**he Church, one, catholic, apostolic is the body of Christ. The body of Christ is invisible and visible. The invisible body is in the blessed heaven and in the purgatory, too. The visible Church are all those who, baptised in Christ, incorporated in Him, create his body on our earth. Of the Church of Christ the Lord a fundament and invisible principle of unity and communion is Christ the Lord himself. Visible fundament and principle of unity and communion is the Pope, who is the successor of Peter. This unique visible body lives, if animated, led, guided, moved by the Holy Spirit. It is under the action of the Holy Spirit in the measure in which every member grows in grace, wisdom, intelligence, advice, science, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord. The Father commands in the Holy Spirit to His Son. His Son commands his Apostles in the Holy Spirit. His Apostles command their Presbyters in the Holy Spirit. Their Presbyters command every faithful of their sheepfold in the Holy Spirit. In the Holy Spirit the faithful obey their Presbyters. In the Holy Spirit the Presbyters obey the Bishop. Their Bishop in the Holy Spirit obeys Christ. The Pope commands the Bishops in the Holy Spirit. The Bishops obey the Pope in the Holy Spirit. Whoever is without sin commands from the sin ruling his heart and whoever is without the Holy Spirit

also obeys from the sin.

What is the obedience in the body of Christ, different from any other obedience existing in the world? The Obedience that must always reign is spiritual bound of nature. The Son is by nature bounded to the Father. The Holy Spirit is by nature bounded to the Father. The Apostles are by spiritual nature bounded to Christ. The presbyters are by spiritual nature bounded to the Bishops. The laic faithful are by spiritual nature bounded to their presbyters and also bounded each other. The bound is not only ascendant but also descendant. What is from the Father may be done only by the Father. What is from the Son may be done only by the Son. What is from the Holy Spirit may be worked only by the Holy Spirit. So it is true for the Pope, the Bishops, the Presbyters, the laic Faithful. Here is what is the true obedience: ascendant and descendant bound letting every members of the body of Christ do what he can only do and no one else. This is the great mystery of the unity and of the communion that one must always live in the body of Christ the Lord. Mother of the Church, help us live the mystery.

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He shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you

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Why without any obedience to the Word of the Lord might there ever be true freedom? Why isn't such evident truth credited?

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