

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

Holy Family  
Year C



### “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

**M**ary and Joseph live of perfect obedience to the Law of the Lord. At the age of twelve, a boy was obliged to observe the Law of the Lord, as well. That is why Mary and Joseph take Jesus with them, to Jerusalem, for the feast of Passover. Coming under the obligation of observing the Law, of walking in the will of God, Jesus is obliged to obey not only the Law, but also every Word God addresses to his ears. Changed the duties of Jesus toward his Father, even the duties of Mary and Joseph toward Jesus must necessarily change. Mary and Joseph must know that in every moment, God the Lord might give a command to his Son and He must promptly obey. In fact, this is what happens. God might give a command to the Son and the Son promptly obeys. Knowing the perfect obedience of Jesus, Mary and Joseph not even think that the statute of Jesus before his Father has changed. Before a higher obedience, the lower obedience is lacking. Jesus does not warn Mary and Joseph of this higher obedience. He does not even have the time.

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come back to Jerusalem. Jesus is found in the midst of the teachers. Mary says: “Son, why have you done this to us?” Jesus’s reply is immediate: “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” Mary and Joseph now know that Jesus always have to be under obedience of his Father. In any moment the Father asks, He must obey. Their modalities to relate to Jesus change at this moment. Jesus must be perennially free from giving the Father every immediate obedience. Since this moment they are the ones who have to follow Jesus, Jesus is no longer the one who has to follow them. The Holy Spirit reassures us, though. When Jesus is not under obedience of his Father, He is always subjected to Mary and to Joseph. He never fails in his duties as son. May the Mother of Jesus and Saint Joseph help us understand this mystery that is our own life.

When Mary and Joseph realise that Jesus is not in the caravan, a day has already passed. They

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### The Spirit of prayer

Jesus, filled with Holy Spirit, knows the heart of the Father, the present will the Father has over Him, and always in the Holy Spirit, in his wisdom, intelligence, knowledge, He raises his prayer, that is not only prayer of plea of grace, but it is first prayer of blessing and of praise, of thanks and of celebration of his glory. In the Holy Spirit He also knows the times in which the prayer must be raised to his Father. Here are two prayers raised by Jesus to the Father in the Gospel. The first prayer is of praise and blessing: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11, 25-30) The second prayer is request of fortitude to fulfil the last obedience,

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obedience that will have to lead him to the death by crucifixion: Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.) When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test." (Lk 22, 39-46) In every time the Holy Spirit suggests Christ Jesus the prayer to raise to his Father. Every time needs a particular prayer.

This truth is thus revealed by the Apostle Paul: "In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the

intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." (Rm 8, 26-27) If Jesus has always been led by the Spirit of prayer, might there ever be one only disciple of Jesus who may think of praying without having the Spirit of prayer as most powerful in his heart? If the Holy Spirit is not fully lived in his heart and he is not well founded and rooted in the Spirit of the Lord, his life might never be lived with the comfort of the true prayer. When can we speak of true prayer? When our prayer rules the history we are living. As the history of Jesus has always been ruled by the Holy Spirit, so also ours will have to be always ruled by the Spirit of the Lord. Everyone must ask: is the Spirit of prayer present in me? Is it present in a powerful way or in a way that I do not even realise to have it? Not only must one have the Spirit of prayer. In this Spirit, one must grow day after day. Without a constant growth, we can make each of our prayer void.



## IF YOU LISTEN...

### A light for revelation to the Gentiles

**J**esus is Light to reveal the people the Father, God the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth, the unique and only living and true God, in his mystery of unity and of trinity. In Jesus, the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, To open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." (cf. Is 42, 1-8) "It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (cf. Is 49, 1-6) The prophecy of the Old Simeon adds a truth that is lacking in the ancient prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus is light to enlighten the mystery of the true God for the people. He will bring the salvation of the Father giving every man the knowledge of the truth of the Father. Jesus is the only one who knows the Father and the

only one who can reveal Him.

Depriving Christ Jesus of this truth, one makes an idol of Him, namely a fruit of man's mind. One even makes the Church, one, saint, Catholic, Apostolic a fruit of man's mind. Christ is to the Father as the Church is to Christ. As Christ is eternally from the Father, so the Church will have to be eternally from Christ Jesus. As Christ is from the Father and for the Father, so the Church is from Christ and it is for Christ. As in the desert the people were the one who asked Aaron to make a God, thus is also today. Today every disciple of Jesus asks his presbyter, his bishop, his pope to make for him a different Christ from the Christ of the Holy Spirit that is the Christ of Redemption, of the sound doctrine, of the Tradition of the Church, the Christ of martyrs and of the confessors of faith. He wants a Christ melted with the thoughts of earth and confused with the thoughts of the world. If the presbyter, the bishop, the pope are well planted and rooted in the Holy Spirit, they will always give

the true Christ, they will not fall into this temptation. If they are not well planted and rooted in the Holy Spirit, they will do as Aaron: they will melt a Christ with the thoughts of the earth and they will give him to the Christian and to the world, as well. This Christ no longer reveals the Father. He no longer reveals the Holy Spirit. He no longer reveals man to man. Whoever builds a false Christ is responsible before God of each sin one commits in history. A false Christ is always source of every idolatry. Queen of Apostles, do not allow that the Shepherds give the world a false Christ. Never.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

If every day the Holy Spirit does not take, from the breast of Christ and from the breast of the Virgin Mary, a little piece of their heart and transplant them in our breast until the entire heart of Christ and the heart of Mary become our heart, the knowledge of Christ Jesus and of his Mother will always be imperfect. But also after having carried out the total transplant, it is necessary that the Holy Spirit always puts all his science and eternal wisdom so that no virus of sin prevents his holy operativity in us. The Holy Spirit must be for our heart more than the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword placed by the Lord in the custody of the Garden of Eden (cf Gen 3, 24). The Spirit must prevent our old nature to conquer the new heart.



## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### **Why is it necessary for the Christian who wants to speak of Jesus to be always ruled by the Spirit of Remembrance? How does the Spirit act in us? What is it asked us to do so that he may always act?**

**T**he Spirit of remembrance is the Holy Spirit that must always put Christ Jesus in our heart, in our mind, in our desires, in our will according to his most current and updated truth of his mystery. The Spirit of remembrance is necessary so that our confession of the truth of the mystery of Christ Jesus is most perfect in us. But above all, being us instruments for the remembrance of his remembrance, if in us his wisdom is weak or absent, even his remembrance is absent or weak. If his remembrance is weak or absent, our remembrance of Christ will be more falsity than truth, more darkness than light, more lie instead of most pure mystery. The Apostle Paul reveals how much is necessary that our Spirit of remembrance is divinely great in us: Now in regard to spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware. You know how, when you were pagans, you were constantly attracted and led away to mute idols. Therefore, I tell you that nobody speaking by the spirit of God says, "Jesus be accursed." And no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the holy Spirit. (1Cor 12, 1-3) If today Christ the Lord is no longer known according to purity of truth and of doctrine, this attests that the Spirit of remembrance in our heart and our mind is weak or absent.

We remind others in the measure in which the Spirit reminds us. The Spirit reminds us in the measure in

which we let him remind. The one who reminds us is not the Spirit outside us, but the Spirit in us. This is why it is necessary that we are well- planted and well- rooted in Him, so that He may plant and root well in us. He powerfully remembers in us and we, powerfully in Him, remind the world the beauty of the mystery of Christ Jesus. Today many disciples of Jesus do not know the true Christ. Of the remembrance, the ministries remind a faded, disfigured, decoloured Christ. Some images of this Christ are not only offensive, they are even true blasphemy against his eternal truth. This happens because the ministries of remembrance are by now conforming to the thought of the world. The world hates the true Christ, it wants a false one. We Christians are precisely fulfilling this request. Sent by the Spirit of remembrance as ministries of his remembrance, we have betrayed the ministry one has entrusted us and we have become ministries of Satan to inoculate in hearts the remembrance of the Christ of Satan and no longer of the true Christ of God. May the Mother of God and our Mother help us. We want to be true ministries of remembrance always powerfully rooted and planted in the Spirit of remembrance. May She support us so that we never separate from Him.

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And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us

Eighth Commandment

And you yourself a sword will pierce

What does a disciple of Jesus have to do today if he wants to observe the second Commandment? How does one take the name of our God and Lord in vain?

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