

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

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Year A

### **It is written: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve"**

**T**oday the Christian is plunging into an abyss of temptations without even one only possibility to overcome them, for he parted from the written Word. In his eternal wisdom, the Lord has written his Law on the hard stone for man. Not only. He has also commanded not to add anything and to take away nothing from it. Where are all the mistakes of our pastoral care that today one wishes it to be necessarily inclusive, creative, welcoming, fluid and not rigid, with no predetermined and pre-defined morality, rainbow pastoral care, pastoral care with no discrimination, always-new pastoral? In the separation from what the Father of heaven, in his Holy Spirit, with his finger, has written for us. Not only have we separated the Teacher and the Shepherd from what has been written; not only do we want to separate man from what has been written for him: we have decided that even God has to be separated from what He has written. If the Written has no longer any value, everything can be done from the will of man.

Jesus has remained tied to the stone. Rather, He has let himself be nailed on the stone of the cross. He has overcome Satan only with this simple word: "It is

written..." Parting from what is written, the Christian has made himself wiser and more intelligent than his Creator, more righteous and holier than his Lord, more merciful and more piteous than his God. In his arrogant and boastful pride, he has made himself wisdom, understanding, righteousness, holiness, mercy, piety. While our God has written on the stone that He makes the difference between the righteous and the unrighteous, the Christian has abolished this difference. The Lord his God makes the difference between the one who is holy and the one who is wicked; the Christian has declared this difference unjust, unrighteous. The Christian has taken the place of God today.

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Everything that God has written must be abrogated forever. It is not worthy of man. This is the principle that is at the basis of the modern pastoral care that is inclusive, creative, fluid, not rigid, welcoming, not excluding. Without the Word of God, everything can be said and done and everything can become pastoral care. Mother of God come to our rescue. Deliver us from such foolishness that is destroying the Church of Christ Jesus.

## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### The pastoral care of Jesus pastoral care of the Christian

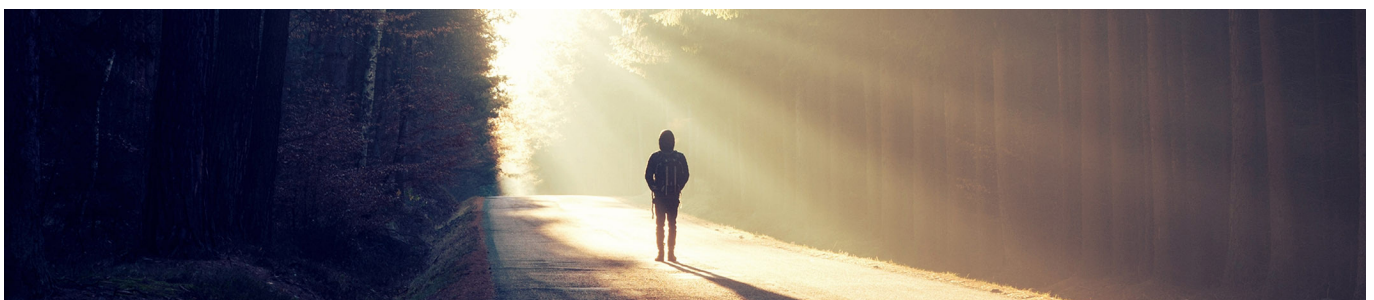
Jesus says to his Apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mk 16,15-16). The Gospel is announced to you, creature of the Lord. Do you believe in it? Do you believe in each of its Word? Do you believe that Christ Jesus is the only name given by God, your Creator and Lord, in whom you are to be saved? Then I, Apostle of Jesus, his minister, his envoy, baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You, child of God in his Son Christ Jesus, asks to receive the Eucharist. Do you ask for it to live for Christ, with every obedience to his Gospel, in the same way as Christ lived to obey every Word of the Father, written for Him in the roll of the Law, of the Prophets, of the Psalms? Are you in the state of sanctifying grace? If you are not in the state of grace, you cannot receive the Eucharist. First, you must put yourself into grace, turn back to the friendship with God and to his righteousness going through the sacrament of Repentance, and after that you shall receive the body and the blood of Jesus the Lord. However,

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you can receive it, if you know what you will receive and what is the extraordinary richness of such a great gift. You have come to receive the sacrament of forgiveness. Are you sincerely repented of your sins? Do you want no longer to commit for the future? Do you want to forgive your brothers if they have offended you in something? Do you want to obey your God and Lord with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strengths? Do you want to live, from this moment on, as true child of God with an obedience similar in all to the obedience of Christ Jesus? If you want all these things, I, minister of Christ, minister of the sacrament of his forgiveness, absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. If you, man, do not commit yourself to live as true child of God in his Son Jesus Christ, I cannot baptize you. If you, Christian, do not commit yourself to live according to the grace that a sacrament bestows, I cannot administer it for you.

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Him, with Him, through Him. If you do not want to live for Him, according to his Laws, and not according to yours, I cannot bless you in the name of the Lord, either. The will of a full return to Him lacks in you. I cannot bless you so that you remain in the sin and in the transgression of his Law of creation and Law of redemption. That of Jesus is not a pastoral care at the service of the sin or of the transgression of the Commandments. It is pastoral care of the Holy Spirit, pastoral care of conversion, pastoral care of acceptance, but also pastoral care of exclusion. In the banquet hall one must enter with the wedding garment. Instead, today one says that one must do no distinction. This means that ours is not the pastoral care of Christ Jesus. It means that our Christ is not the Christ of the Gospel. We have a different Christ, for we have a different Gospel. Having a different Gospel and a different Christ, our pastoral care must necessarily be different. One can give the holy things to the dogs and the pearls to the swine. Rather, today to be Church of God one wants everybody to be dogs and swine. Today it seems that the one who is of good will and commits himself to live the Gospel must be stopped with every despise and infamous calumny, for he is an outrage for the Church. May the Mother of Jesus deliver us from this dismay.



## IF YOU LISTEN...

### He has lifted up the lowly

In a first approach, we might say that the lowly is the one who sees himself as a perennial, uninterrupted work of God. Always remaining in this first approach, let us attempt to enter for a moment in an atelier of an artist and let us observe him while he works a block of hard granite. The stone opposes no resistance to him, but that coming from its nature. For the rest, it is entirely in the hands of the sculpture. What the sculpture wants to take from it, or what he wants to come from it, it will. It is not the stone that decides its definite shape, it is the artist, instead. In fact, the stone is worked according to the thought or to the genius of the artist who already sees in it, in its block still intact, the figure as it will be at the end of his work. We must also consider ourselves as a block of hard marble before the Lord, in his hands. If we let ourselves be modelled by Him, be sculpted by Him, the work that God will do will be great. Instead, if we oppose, resist, we want to make ourselves according to our will, we will always remain a piece of useless marble,

granite that releases no new shape.

Now, it is righteous that, from this first approach, one goes to the truth enclosed in the mystery of God who creates man in his image and likeness. Instead, man has been created by God to be always work made by God and work always made for Him. The nature of man is not from God only at the moment of the creation. It is from God in each of its moment. Not only is it from God, it is also of God as purpose. The purpose of man, created by God, is to be of Him and for Him, always, for all the days of his life on earth and for all the days in eternity. What is the lowliness for the human nature then? Lowliness is accepting the created nature that is nature that always, moment after moment, day after day, month after month, year after year, will have to be made by God, to be of Him according to his will and thus always to be for Him. Here is what lowliness is: always being obedient to the nature as it has been created, and it has been created to be created

by God always, with no interruption in the continuous creation. Where this obedience to one's own nature lacks, there is no lowliness there. We know that man has rebelled against the Law of his nature and has wanted to make himself as God. He has made himself a God in death, though, and in the impossibility to turn back, on his own, in the Law of his nature again. Since God is always faithful to the Law of his nature that is eternal love, He always comes to rescue of man. After sin, man is lowly is he obeys the Law of Redemption, law of Salvation, Law of the faith in Christ Jesus.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

If history testifies and attests that the Word of the Lord is most pure truth, why today is the Christian so blind not to be able to see the great, unstoppable moral and spiritual disaster, human and also natural disaster, that his non-faith in the Word of Jesus is creating? Today why is the Christian so stubborn in his blindness to persevere in depriving the Church and the world of the Word of their Saviour and Redeemer? If the Christian does not ask the Lord to heal him from this blindness, even the Church will be reduced like the temple of Jerusalem: burnt, deprived, reduced to a pile of dust. No one will be able to disprove the history that is crying out the blindness of the Christian today. We have declared the Word of God untrue and we have raised the lie of Satan truth.



## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

### Why is the one who takes no offense at Jesus blessed? What is the way so that we take no offense at Christ Jesus in any moment and for anything?

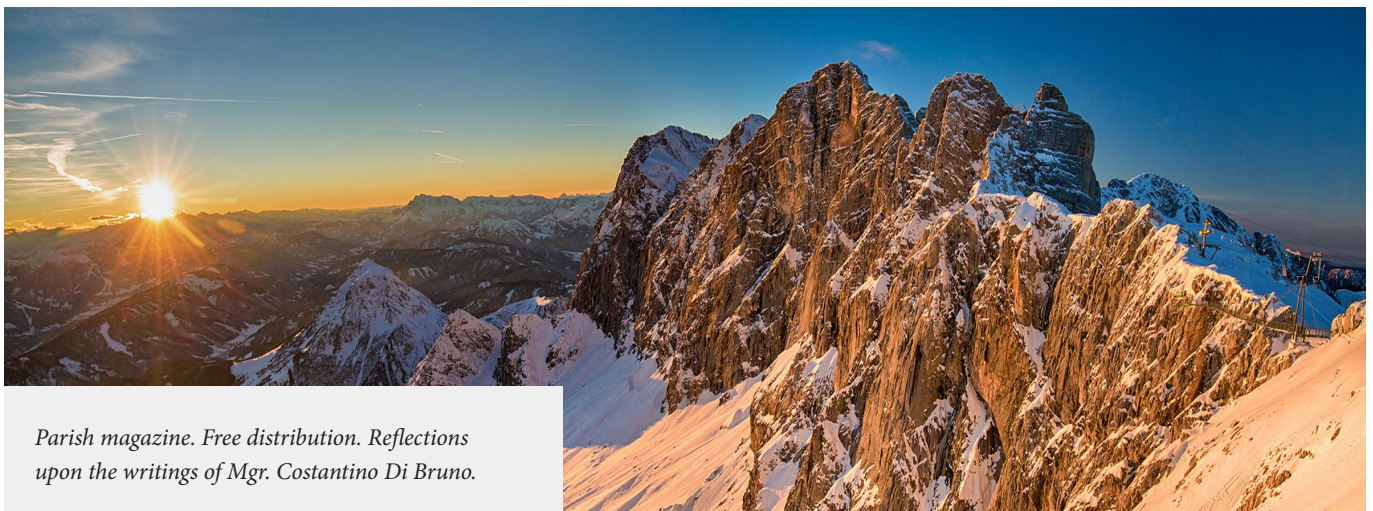
Let us answer this question comparing the mission of John the Baptist and the mission of Jesus. John the Baptist is prophet of the living God. Since John knows that Jesus is the one who is to come, being Jesus man of God, as he is man of God, he, John, must have faith in Jesus. As you, John, are moved by the Holy Spirit, He too, Jesus, is moved by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has placed upon Him in his entire fullness. Knowing that Jesus is filled with Holy Spirit, John the Baptist is also called to go through the most pure faith in Christ Jesus. Having he to also go through the faith in Jesus he is helped by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who has moved John in his request, moves Jesus in his reply as well: "Go and tell Joh that all the Scripture are fulfilling." Instead, Jesus is the Word that becomes voice on the mouth of John and He is also the One who fulfils in history and eternity what in the Word has been written from the first passage of Genesis to the last passage of the Revelation.

The one who takes offense at Him can never be blessed for he does not believe with true faith in Christ Jesus and he does not obey his Word, either. Today many Christians can be blessed. They take offense at Christ and at each of his Word, they take offense at the Gospel

and at its truth, they take offense at the Father and at the Holy Spirit. They take offense at the Church and at her doctrine, they take offense at the Tradition and at the sound theology. They also take offense at the most fundamental, essential, primary morality. Many are taking offense at the Laws of the creation and of the nature and are fighting so that they may be declared void. By now the Christian is taking offense at the entire

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revealed mystery. The offense has so far come to the substitution of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Spirit, of the Gospel, of the entire Scripture, of the Church. The offense has even come to substitute the man according to God to affirm a man according to man. A man who will have to be made of man in the image of his sin. The offense is so great to want another God, a God made of human thoughts and also a Church made of human thoughts. We will never be blessed, neither on earth, nor in eternity. May the Mother of God deliver us from this universal offense and may She make us of most pure faith in Christ Jesus.



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