**TUESDAY MAY 31 – SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER [C]**

**VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”**

**The Virgin Mary is the model the lord has given to every Christian – pope, bishop, presbyter, deacon, confirmed, baptised – sent by him to visit the world. As She brings Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the most pure truth of the Father in the house of Elizabeth, thus is to be for every disciple of Jesus. He is sent in the world to bring Christ and the Holy Spirit and the Father that are life of his life, heart of his heart, soul of his soul, spirit of his spirit, thought of his thought, and also nature of his nature. As Christ Jesus is nature of the Virgin Mary, thus every Christian must introduce himself to the world as a nature of Christ Jesus, nature of the Holy Spirit and of the Father, having he been made participative of the divine nature through new birth from water and from Holy Spirit. Without the richness of his mystery, the visit the Christian makes to the world is a barren, empty, vain, ineffective visit as it is with no fruit of redemption, salvation, eternal life, light, truth.**

**The Virgin Mary enters the house of Elizabeth and Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit enter it. The Spirit through Mary places himself upon Elizabeth and sanctifies the child filling him with himself. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit in one moment sees the mystery of the Virgin Mary and sings it: “How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." The Holy Spirit that is in Elizabeth sees the mystery and sings it. The Holy Spirit that is in the Mother of the Lord adds what the Spirit that is in Elizabeth does not see for he is not in the whole fullness as he is in Mary in his whole fullness. What does the Holy Spirit that is in the Mother of God see? He sees Her that is entirely work of his Lord. Nothing that is in Her is from Her. Everything that is in He is most powerful grace of her Lord, whose name is holy. He sees Her as unique work in the history of salvation. He sees Her not only in the present moment, but also in the future of history. All the generations will call Her blessed. He sees Her in her most high humbleness. But he also sees God in fullness of truth. He sees him as the only Lord of men and of history.**

**What happens in the house of Elizabeth must happen today and always in the house of the world with the Christian. He must firstly pour out the Holy Spirit from his heart in every heart. It is the Holy Spirit who pierces the heart as He has pierced Elizabeth’s heart and it is the Holy Spirit that makes every man leap for joy as He has made John the Baptist leap in Elizabeth’s womb. However, if the Christian is deprived, empty of Holy Spirit, the hearts remain of stone and the minds of bronze. No manifestation of the Holy Spirit happens and one remains in the death. The Giver of Christ as life of the people is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must always be brought by the Christian. The Christian brings him in the measure in which the Holy Spirit has become, becomes his life. If the Spirit is inexistent in him, his gif is inexistent as well. If the Spirit is strong, his gift, too, will be strong. If the Spirit is without measure as without measure he is in the heart of the Virgin Mary, he will also be given without measure.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 1,39-56**

**During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.**

**Today one wants a Church going forth, a Christian going forth. If the Christian leaves to bring himself of the things of earth, the world remains as it is, in death, in the non-holiness, in the slavery of sin. Instead, if the Christian leaves filled with Holy Spirit, with Christ Jesus in the heart, He who is life of his life, then the visit the Christian makes to the world is clothed with supernaturalness, with salvation, with redemption. But if today one can neither say to the man living in the world that Christ Jesus exists, one will understand that our visit is barren. It will never bear a fruit of salvation. The Christian is not sent in the world to bring himself. He is sent to bring the Holy Spirit, Christ the Lord, the heavenly Father. He brings them and gives them to every man. Mother of God, help us visit the world upon your model.**