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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7 (Jn 2, 13-25)**

The Apostle Paul with sublime inspired wisdom speaks of the body of Christ, true temple of the living God: *"For in him dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily, and you share in this fullness in him, who is the head of every principality and power. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by hand, by stripping off the carnal body, with the circumcision of Christ. You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead (in) transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross; despoiling the principalities and the powers, he made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph by it. " (Col 2,9-15).*This temple was destroyed with the death on the cross. Jesus rebuilt it after three days with his glorious resurrection. Now and for eternity whoever wants to find the true God, the true Father, will be able to find and worship him only in this temple. There are no other temples either on earth or in heaven. Whoever despises this temple despises God, who raised it as his true and only temple. Christ Jesus and the Father are indivisible forever and are this temple.

*Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.*

It is from this temple pierced on the cross that the water of life, and the blood of grace and sanctification, flow for all mankind: *"So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may (come to) believe. For this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled: "Not a bone of it will be broken." And again another passage says: "They will look upon him whom they have pierced." "(Jn 19: 32-37).*Today with subtle devilish shrewdness, many are denying this temple as the one and only temple in which one can meet and worship the true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are separating Christ from the Father and the Father from Christ. This separation is the death of true faith. If Christ Jesus does not intervene and restore this unity, there will be very difficult days for true faith. For this reason, those who still believe in Christ and the Father must incessantly raise their prayers asking for a strong intervention.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make the Christian believe in the Father and in the Son.