**JULY 04 – XIV SUNDAY O.T. [B]**

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**Before the mystery of Jesus that is higher than heavens and that overcomes the extension of the universe itself, either one approaches with great humility, or we will never understand anything about Him. There is a truth that asks to be put on the lampstand to enlighten everyone being in the house of the world: Christ Jesus is the Gift of the Father. The Father is the Lord of heaven and earth. The Father has put all himself and the Holy Spirit in the heart of Christ Jesus and has raised the heart of Christ as unique and sole source of redemption, of salvation, of justification, of truth and charity, of hope and eternal life.**

**And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (Jn 3, 14-18)**

**At that time Jesus said in reply, "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)**

**For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. (cf. 2Cor 5, 14-21)**

**Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."**

**I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. The hair of his head was as white as white wool or as snow, and his eyes were like a fiery flame. His feet were like polished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing water. In his right hand he held seven stars. A sharp two-edged sword came out of his mouth, and his face shone like the sun at its brightest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. (cf. Rev 1, 4-20)**

**When Christ Jesus is separated from the Father, his mystery crumbles as the statue with the head of gold and tile feet crumbled, according to what is narrated in the Book of the prophet Daniel. However, there, the statue crumbled because a stone, not moved by hands of man, rolls from the mountain. The mystery of Christ Jesus, which is more than a most pure statue of fine gold, is dropped from the furnaces of men’s thoughts and is liquefied. Because of this separation of the mystery of Christ from the mystery of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, have we not liquefied it nowadays? However, liquefying the mystery of Christ, we have also liquefied the mystery of the Father and of the Holy Spirit. Liquefied the mystery of the Father, man remained with no more mystery. One is making him either an evolved ape or a machine with no moral conscience, to be scrapped in the furnaces of euthanasia as soon as it begins to be no longer at the highest of his natural skills. Nowadays we made a man without mystery, but a man without mystery is also a man without hope. What is the hope of man today? Reaching every kind of greater vanities and futilities. Always, whoever destroys the mystery of Christ will destroy the mystery of man. Whoever wants a true man must give this man the true Christ, the Christ of the Father.**

**Let us read the text of Mk 6,1-6**

**He departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. He went around to the villages in the vicinity teaching.**

**The Holy Scripture is one only truth: all the men of God are made by the Lord. Abraham is made by the Lord. Jacob, too, is made by the Lord. Moses has been made by the Lord. He was a shepherd of flocks. David has been made by the Lord, as well. All the prophets have been made by the Lord. This truth accompanies the entire history of the Old Testament. Those from Nazareth do not believe in Christ Jesus because they know his human origin. However, the men of God are not of God for their human origins, they are of God for their divine origins. Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of the Father, his Eternal Word who made himself flesh. This is his eternal origin. Then, there is the divine origin on earth and this origin occurred on the day after his baptism in the River Jordan. The Father consecrates him as his Messiah and sends the fullness of the Holy Spirit upon him. Today we – and this is our great sin – are depriving Jesus of his double divine origin: that of eternity and that of earth. We are making him a man as every other man. May our heavenly Mother help us to hate this horrible misdeed so that we can confess Christ according to purity of truth and justice. Amen.**