**WEDNESDAY JULY 14 – XV WEEK O.T. [B]**

**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.**

**When the Holy Scripture speaks of the Messiah of the Lord, it announces some truth ever said for no other man. They are truths offering glimpses of a mystery that is infinitively beyond everything existing and known, but also beyond every vocation and mission known in the history of the people of the Lord. Here are some of these truths:** “**For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains By judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this! (Is 9, 5-6)**

**But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. (Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, And the rest of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel.) He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace. (Mi 5, 1-4)** **Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; The warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.(Zac 9, 9-10)**

**But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, But he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. (Is 11, 1-5)**

**The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn; To place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit. They will be called oaks of justice, planted by the LORD to show his glory. (Is 61, 1-3)**

**"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break****them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." (Psal 2, 6-9)**

**The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power,****in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.** **The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs** **over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head. (Psal 110, 1-5)**

**If we compare these and other truths about the Messiah of the Lord to what is revealed in the New Testament, then we have to affirm that one previously walked with the soft light of an oil lamp. Instead, now one proceeds enlightened by the splendour of the sun in broad daylight without any cloud or mist. Light has manifested itself in all its power.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 11,25-27**

**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.**

**The truths manifested by Christ the Lord are three. First truth: Jesus gives praise to the Father and confesses him as Lord of heaven and earth. No one else is the Lord. Also of Christ Jesus, the Father is the Lord, his Lord. He is the Father for eternal generation and his Lord, too. Jesus lives in eternal to make the will of his Father. Here is who Jesus is in relation to the Father, to creation, to men: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** **And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.” (Cf. Jn 1,1-18).**

**Second truth: Jesus gives praise to the action of the Father, acknowledging him as most pure fruit of his love. What is the action of the Father? He has hidden these things to wise and learned and has revealed them to the childlike. This is not a decision of will, but most high benevolence, of most chaste and most holy love. Wise and learned are full of themselves. The Father may invite them to empty themselves, but he cannot force them, neither empty them with force. Here is the benevolence: the Father always treats with man as man. He offers each of his richness. If man accepts him, He fulfils him of himself. Instead, if He is refused, he accepts the refusal and takes back his gift. While the childlike are those who emptied themselves and are ready to accept every gift of the Father. The more man empties himself, the more the Lord can fulfil him of every gift of grace, wisdom, science, revelation, truth, light, eternal life.**

**The third truth is the one that today is true stone of stumbling for the Church and the entire humankind: “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.” The whole thing given to the Son is universal. Everything that is of the Father, has been given by the Father to the Son. The entire creation is of the Father and given to the Son. The entire humankind is of the Father and it has been given to the Son. The entire mystery of salvation and redemption is of the Father and has been given to the Son. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and has been given to the Son. The Father himself has entirely given to the Son. Nothing exists and nothing will exist that is not from the Father given to the Son today and for eternity. The mystery of revelation, too, has been given by the Father to the Son. The Father knows the Son. The Son knows the Father. No one else knows the Father. Who will know the Father in his purity and fullness of truth? Only the one to whom the Son will want to reveal it. It is not, however, a revelation fruit of the will, but of the most pure benevolence of Christ Jesus. Whoever will let himself be wrapped by the knowledge of Christ will know the Father. Whoever refuses the knowledge of Christ will never know the Father since the truth of the Father is Christ in his mystery of eternal generation, of creation, of incarnation, of salvation.**

**Mother of God, introduce us in the most holy knowledge of Christ the Lord. We shall know the Father and this will be our eternal life. Amen.**