



Twenty Eighth Sunday Of The Year

It Is Dangerous To Be Rich

Introduction

A rich young man of excellent character came to Christ wanting to live a better life. But when Christ told him that if he wished to become a disciple of his he would have to give up his wealth, he went away sad. None of us follow Christ as closely as we should. There is something preventing us from doing so. That something is probably different for each one of us. I wonder what it is?

First Reading (Wisdom 7:7-11).

This is a passage in praise of wisdom. Wisdom is more precious than gold, or silver, or health, or beauty.

Second Reading (Hebrews 4:12-13).

God's word is a source of true wisdom for us. It will help us to live as God wants us to live.

Gospel (Mark 10:17-30).

We are presented with the case of a good young man who refuses to follow Christ because he is unwilling to give up his wealth.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray that, unlike the young man who turned his back on Christ, we may follow him with courage and generosity.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who call themselves disciples of Christ: that the faith they profess with their words may be borne out with their deeds. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



Liturgy Cycle B

For government leaders: that they may be unflinching in their efforts to ensure that everybody gets a fair share of the wealth, so that all of God's children can live in dignity. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who are stifled by their love for the wealth and comforts of us so that we may become his true and authentic followers to spiritual values. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

That each of us may make whatever sacrifice we feel Christ is asking for us so that we may become his true and authentic followers. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Reflection

Jesus looked at the rich young man with love.
Yet even he failed to touch the man's heart.
So the young man returned to his old life sad,
refusing to share any of his riches with the poor.

Yet how strange that Jesus succeeded in touching
the heart of the corrupt tax-collector Zacchaeus,
and got him to give half of his goods to the poor.

And the night before he died, he turned and looked at Peter
who had denied him not once but three times,
and what happened? When Peter felt those eyes looking at him,
he realized that he had betrayed a friend,
and he went outside and wept bitterly.

The look of Christ! His glance falls on us too.
on you and on me. It is a glance that comforts and disturbs,
heals and probes. Blesses and beckons at the same time.

What is he saying to me with that look?
One thing for sure: That he loves me.