

# 3rd SUNDAY 21st of January 2024 Cycle B



# A KINGDOM NEAR/I WOULD LIKE



#### SETTING

The Kingdom of God is near; it is Jesus who is calling you to be that Kingdom. We see Jesus walking through Palestine, listening, looking, announcing, and bringing Life closer to life.

The time of the promises has been fulfilled. The Kingdom of God is here! Convert and believe in the Gospel. These are the words with which Jesus begins his public life. He wants to tell the world with his presence what the Kingdom of God is, a call to conversion and faith in the Good News.

I remain silent to welcome and understand what you propose to me, what you invite me to. And in the silence your presence leads me to quiet, to enjoy and to echo the moment.

You Lord are here, you are in every person that I meet, you are in every diverse reality, you are and I am with you.

From my concrete reality, from the responsibility that I have, I want to live with my gaze on you who bring us closer to God, who brings us closer to life.

### SONG: I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8jvfdDtoqY

## **DIEGO TORRES - QUISIERA**

https://youtu.be/fvksgzYRPr8?si=oaTuoUkOq99FnFPb

#### **GOSPEL.** Mark 1, 14-20

After John was betrayed, Jesus went to Galilee; and proclaimed the Good News of God: He said: «The time has come and the Kingdom of God is near; convert and believe in the Good News. Walking along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them: "Come with me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Walking a little further ahead, he saw James, the Zebedee, and his brother John; they were also in the boat mending the nets; and immediately he called them. And they, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, went after him.

# To deepen the text (Marie-Noëlle

The first reading tells us that God is the God of the universe; you can pray everywhere, beyond the borders of Israel, on a boat and even in the belly of a whale. The presence of God is not limited to a place, a country, a party or a religion...

Psalm 24/25 is precisely the prayer of a sinner: a sinner who wants to change his path, to convert; a sinner who knows that it is always

possible for him who trusts in God's mercy: "The Lord shows sinners the way. "Teach the humble his way."

In Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians, the centre is an invitation to lift our eyes, beyond the daily horizon, to look at the horizon of God, at the new world that is being born. This is not a moral lesson but an invitation to rejoice: The Good News of the coming of the Kingdom is the same for everyone, rich or poor, married or not. These are two ways of living the same reality: the pagan way and the Christian way, the way of Adam and the way of Christ.

In today's Gospel we reflect on some words from Jesus' call to the first disciples, Simon and Andrew, James and John. As in any vocation, there are two phases: the call and the response. Jesus passes by, sees them, calls them, it is his initiative. For the disciples it is evidently about the kingdom that is approaching and that calls them. As for the response, "Immediately, they left the nets and followed him," makes Abraham's response think that, as the book of Genesis says: "Abraham set out just as the LORD had told him" (Gen 12). ). But, attention, Jesus told them: "Come with me and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus does not excite them by promising something for themselves, but for others. Associates them with their task. In this way, he tells them something about his own mission: to fish for men. As he himself says in the gospel of John (Jn 10:10): "I have come so that men may have life and have it abundantly."

# Tips for prayer

- -What were the fishermen doing when Jesus called them? How is your response?
- What does Jesus invite you to today? What is your answer?
- As a community, as a Church, what is the call that Jesus makes to us today?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC. MAJESTIC – VIVIANA GUZMÁN

https://youtu.be/0eSXHlqgFQg?si=8WIi03qyDXZVd01p

#### LEAVE AND RECEIVE

It is the same movement. Leaving is winning. when you discover that It is giving as you receive, Your life changes. Give, leave, and share. Your time, your thinking, you say. Open to the Other, accepting your invitation, proposal of a new life, full, different. A life that is made harmony in what is created. If you call me, I'll come. If you ask me, I want to. If you send me, I accept. If you answer me, I will remain silent. If you ask me, I give Your Kingdom is life.

Your Kingdom is revolution, Let's open our minds, Let's change. Your Kingdom belongs to everyone, We are in it. The Kingdom is Jesus, Let's embrace your style. The Kingdom is to lead, People, live. The Kingdom is the reason of our history, divine, human. The Kingdom is dreamed of and it works. How do I respond today? Being Kingdom, listening, accompanying, sharing. Dreams, words and gestures. We are Kingdom.

# **SONG: I AM THINE O LORD**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqGkrTbgU2cy

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Let's live consented

Let's walk with enthusiasm.

https://youtu.be/fevabcqgxTA?si=KKga3Pj10sgqd2x4



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