

New Brighton, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Low Sunday

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Quasimodo géniti infantes. As newborn babies.

The beginning of this mass for the Octave Day of Easter gave us the spiritual tone for it. We are living a new spiritual childhood, re-born into the waters of Baptism, washed by the Holy Blood of Christ, Redeemed of all our faults, failures and mistakes through the Sacrifice of the Cross.

Like innocent children, we present ourselves to Our father in Heaven to receive everything from Him. Since the first Good Friday, we are now His children by birth, He created us, and by adoption, He redeemed us.

This “King of Love on Calvary”, as we sing in the hymn to Christ the King, desires more than anything else to reign over us, his Family. The Holy Blood that was poured out of His Sacred Heart changed all the face of the earth, It changed us, making us worthy of His Love, not because of us, but because of this immense ocean of merciful Love, that He wants us to live from, since that sorrowful day. Now, we ought to live with Him, though Him and by Him.

“Such is the ideal of perfection: *Viventes Deo in Christo*. We cannot attain it in a day; holiness, ingrafted in us at baptism, is only developed little by little, by successive stages. Let us try to act in such a way that each Easter, each day of this blessed season which extends from the Resurrection to Pentecost, may produce within us a more complete death to sin, to the creature, and a more vigorous and more abundant increase of the life of Christ.

Christ must reign in our hearts, and all within us must be subject to Him. Since the day of Christ’s triumph, He gloriously lives and reigns in God, in the bosom of the Father: *Vivit et regnat Deus*. Christ only lives where He reigns, and He lives in us in the same degree as He reigns in our soul. He is King as He is High Priest. When Pilate asked Him if He was a King, Our Lord answered Him: *Tu dicis quia rex sum ego*; I am, but My kingdom is not of this world. The kingdom of God is within you: *Regnum Dei intra vos est*. This dominion of Christ must, day by day, be extended in our souls; it is

this that we ask of God: *Adveniat regnum tuum!* Oh, may it come, Lord, that day when, truly, Thou wilt reign in us by Thy Christ<sup>1</sup>!”

This Kingship of Christ must, from now, be our only attention. If He reigns, we will win our place in Heaven. He must reign everywhere, in any place of the society, and at first, in our hearts, in our families, which are the first cells of this society.

And why has not that day -already come? Because so many things in us, self-will, self-love, our natural activity are not yet subject to Christ, because we have not yet done what the Father desires: *omnia subjecisti sub pedibus ejus*, we have not yet put all things beneath the feet of Christ. That is a part of the glory which the Father wills henceforth to give to His Son Jesus: *Exaltavit illum et donavit illi nomen... ut in nomine Jesu omne genu flectatur*. The Father wills to glorify Christ, because Christ is His Son, because He humbled Himself; the Father wills that every knee should bend at the name of Jesus; all in creation is to be subject to Jesus; in heaven, upon earth, in hell; all, too, in each one of us: will, intelligence, imagination, energies.

Let's truly look like new-born children, as we are redeemed by the Blood of Christ. Therefore, our will should be unstained, easy to be modelled upon God's Will and Desire. This will bring into us, in our life a great comfort, a heavenly peace, this same peace he granted three times to His apostles in today's Gospel.

“Therefore, He Said: “my peace I give unto you”. His peace, not ours which is so liable to illusions; His, not that of the world which is but a dangerous counterfeit. Through His mercy we may have peace. Not because we think ourselves holy or confirmed in grace, but because we believe, with an immense faith, in His Love, the remedy and reparation of our failings.

What should we do without the supernatural and divine courage which we find in trusting Jesus? Truly, the summit of sanctity is reached by the road of confidence and there is no other. For being what we are - an abyss of miseries and sins - we should be hurled into another abyss - that is of final and irremediable discouragement - if we were asked to fly without first being given the wings of confidence. But with them we can aspire to be saints, and rise to the

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<sup>1</sup> Dom Marmion, Christ in his Mysteries, XV, 4.

heights, *de profundis*, from the depths of our fallen state, from the abyss of our iniquities<sup>2</sup>.”

Let's approach the divine throne where He now reigns, and ask, like a loving and repentant child, for His grace, for one little drop of His Sacred Blood, for Him to reign over our hearts, souls and families.

May He reign forever!

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<sup>2</sup> Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, Jesus, King of Love, IV, Loving Confidence.