

Tema 7: The Master who sends you

1 – Welcome–Hymn

2 – Presentation of the theme

The joy of resurrection is the good news of God's abiding presence among us. We in turn, having been 'sent out' into the world, have also been empowered to strengthen others through life's daily grind. We can be the hands, the mouth, the voice of the Master resurrected and reigning from heaven. We have no cause for fear because, until the end of the time, the Spirit of the Risen One guides our journey and leads others to accompany us on our way.

3 – Hymn



The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: E - un - tes do - ce - te om - nes gen - tes! E - un - tes do - ce - te om - nes gen - tes! The second staff continues with the same key and time signature. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

4. Invocation to the Holy Spirit for hearing the Word

T – Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit so that we may be helped to read the Scriptures with the same insight you shared with your disciples on the road to Emmaus. With the light of your Word revealed in the Bible, you helped your disciples discover God's presence in the disturbing events of your condemnation and death. Thus the cross, which seemed to mark the death of hope, became for them a source of life and resurrection.

Create in us a stillness so we can hear your voice in creation and in Scripture, in events and in people, especially in the poor and suffering. May your word guide us so that we too, like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, may know the power of your resurrection and witness to others that you live now among us, the true source of fraternity, justice and peace. This we ask you, Jesus, Son of Mary, you who revealed the Father to us and sent us your Spirit. Amen.

5 – A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (Mt 28, 1-19)

Reader 1 - After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him!' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. They assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep. And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy (him) and keep you out of trouble.'" The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present (day). The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

6–Silence (3')

7–Short commentary on the text

Reader 2 – With the drama of the Passion and death of Jesus we see the collapse of the community of the disciples that the Master tried to form and instruct throughout his earthly life. All the disciples fled and it is up to the Risen Lord to look for them. The Master, returned to life, has to begin from scratch, as it were, gathering his disciples once again into unity, regrouping the broken community. This is truly an extraordinary gesture!

Reader 3 – To the women, he wishes the fullness of peace (shalom) and, as in the manifestations of God in the Old Testament, he invites them to overcome their fear: "Do not be afraid!", because fear blocks relationships, halts the mission, undermines confidence. Next, the Risen One sets an appointment to meet them on the "mountain", in Galilee. Thus the community of the disciples will return to the place where the Gospel of Emmanuel, God-with-us, traveled the way of many men and women, often suffering from life's wounds. And there he performs his last act before his definitive ascent to the Father: he keeps nothing for himself and even the power he received from the Father he passes on to the new paschal community.

Reader 4 – Now the mandate he gives the disciples is to become like the Master, making disciples of all nations, breaking down every cultural, social and ethnic barrier, so as to make shine the unending light of mercy, love, fidelity and total self-giving to the point of martyrdom. First the women, and then the disciples, perform the same act that the Magi did: "they worshiped". There is still room for doubt in the life of the disciples (v. 16), for it is an intrinsic part of the faith journey of each of us. The end of Jesus' physical presence marks the beginning of the witness of the disciples in the certainty that Emmanuel, God-with-us, shall not be absent want in the future that is dawning. We too are witnesses of this, called to be both disciples and Masters.

8 – Silence (2')

9 – Hymn


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10 – Read or listen to the Word again – Reader 1 – Gospel according to Mark (Mk 5,21-43)
11 – Sharing (with questions and intercessory prayers)

Some questions for us

1. Worship and doubt. To what extent do they exist together in our life?
2. "And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time". Where do we see the presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us today?

12 – Psalm 100

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
 worship the LORD with cries of gladness;
 come before him with joyful song.

Know that the LORD is God,
 our maker to whom we belong,
 whose people we are, God's well-tended flock.

Enter the temple gates with praise,
 its courts with thanksgiving.
 Give thanks to God, bless his name;

good indeed is the LORD,
 Whose love endures forever,
 whose faithfulness lasts through every age.


13 – Mandate (personal commitment to practice until the next meeting)

14- Final hymn and sign of peace.