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Day of discernment

Introduction: The eight days that follow the feast of Easter, are just like a festive day in which we celebrate the feast of the resurrection through different manners. The Risen Jesus now comes to us in different forms with an infinite discretion when we move along habitual spaces. The Risen Lord is looking for us along human paths. Happy are we if we allow him to find us.

For a brief moment one recalls the experiences of the past week

In silence and with gratitude. We pray with the psalm.

Psalm: Happy...

- Happy are those who continue believing in spite of the many adverse circumstances of life.
- Happy are those who try to fill in the paths of: hatred, marginalization, discord, confrontations, injustices.
- Happy are those who descend from their private heavens to offer hope and to believe in the future, with a smile on their lips and with much tenderness in their hearts.
- Happy are those who wait, contemplate, listen, are hoping to receive a sign, and when the decisive moment comes say: yes, I want, forward, whatever, off we go.
- Happy are those who proclaim, who denounce with their own lives and not only by mere words.
- Happy are those who fill the gaps, open ways, lower the summits, so that existence may be more humane

Happy are those who caress the flower, bring spring closer, offer their friendship and share their dreams with hands full with their example and their actions

- Happy are those who rise every morning with a song, who proclaim that there is always an open path of hope saying:

“Do not be afraid, rejoice. God is like a mother, like a good father who never punishes, rather, guides us and encourages us, and only desires our joy and our happiness.” (Miguel Angel Mesa)



Song: Don't you see?

Do not remember the years gone by, do not think of the old
look, I am doing something new

**NOW IT IS BLOOMING, DON'T YOU NOTICE?
NOW IT IS BLOOMING'
SING TO ME AND I WILL MAKE IT LIVE,
I AM THE LORD.**

I will trace a new path,
I will raise up new highway.

**NOW IT IS BLOOMING, DON'T YOU NOTICE?
NOW IT IS BLOOMING'
SING TO ME AND I WILL MAKE IT LIVE,
I AM THE LORD.**

Water in the desert and in the drylands, thousands of rivers,
to give drink to my chosen people

**NOW IT IS BLOOMING, DON'T YOU NOTICE?
NOW IT IS BLOOMING'
SING TO ME AND I WILL MAKE IT LIVE,
I AM THE LORD.**

To my chosen people, whom I have established
That, you may proclaim my praises.

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SING TO ME AND I WILL MAKE IT LIVE,
I AM THE LORD.**

We have the whole day ahead dedicated to discernment

“Our organic model of governance is based on the idea of a living group in the process of growth... It requires the practice of shared responsibility, of communication and information and of discernment as an habitual attitude of searching for the will of God. It adopts the circle as the best image to represent it.”

(OMG p.12)

DISCERNMENT AS AN HABITUAL ATTITUDE

Discernment is an attitude or a way of deep, spiritual manner of proceeding. Discernment is the art of distinguishing the action of God with what is not.

Discernment allows us to recognize where God wants to mold me, to allow him to act ... to overcome evil with good.

Thus, the evil spirit is overcome – the sin in us and in the world. It does not deal with attacking evil, but overcoming it allowing good to grow. It means being docile to God's action, that he may work in us.

What we do in discerning is to sharpen our senses in order to perceive, with God, the obstacles we are placing before his action.

If discernment is the audacity to allow oneself to be led, if it means to learn to know how God wants to lead me, to allow myself to be led by him, with the assurance that his way is the best way, it is important to take into account that *discernment*:



- *disposes us to acknowledge, in our desires and aspirations, those which can be attributed to God.*
- *prepares us to give a personal and unheard of response to the summons of the Gospel, of the Kingdom of God.*
- *It is to make up "our" response- mine and God's, as a common undertaking.*
- *confirms that the Spirit unites us as an interior force.*
- *makes clear that there is no particular will pre-established for each one but, a personal response to the will of God.*
- *Is a creative dialogue between two freedoms: Christ liberated us to be free.*

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