



LITURGY APRIL 13, 2017

Day of fraternal love

“He loved them till the end”

Background

Before they tie his hands and feet with cords and with nails, Jesus wanted to use the signs that would best represent what he feels in that moment of anguish and confusion: eat the great feast of the Passover with his friends. It was the celebration of the slave people who were liberated by God from the oppression of a grand empire. During that time, God sent Moses for his mission with the Jewish people. Now God sends himself in the Son for the liberation of all peoples.

Song: Love and more Love

LOVE DOES NOT SAY
ENOUGH (Repeat)
LOVE AND MORE LOVE
THAT NEVER SAYS ENOUGH
(Repeat)

Only the love of God
is what could be found,
all the rest is unnecessary.

Do everything for love,
do nothing by force,
only love remains.

Let us look for Jesus
because if we have him,
we have everything.

Love your brothers
and God will love you
this is what God wants, love.



INTRODUCTION

When they asked Jesus: “Who is my neighbor?” He gave the example of the good Samaritan so that we may know how to love, “you do the same” he tells us. This holy Thursday, day of fraternal love, we want to come close to Jesus, in his intimacy, because he discovered in his innermost being **the force capable of changing the perspective of ordinary things and to look in a manner different.**

That primordial force which he called “Abba” was making herself present in everything that was happening around and was urging him intimately, and sometimes also, painfully, to collaborate, assuring him of a great novelty in the course of events.

We also need, to change our way of looking at the reality, we need to put on new lenses.

(New eye glasses are given each one and images of suffering are presented)

- We want to bring the message of the good Samaritan in the context of our globalized world. Today, it is not one who has fallen into the hands of brigands, but a decisive part of humanity is at their mercy. We need a serious and profound discernment to know how to defend the lives of the victims before such massive threat.
- Besides, Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si*, The human and the natural environment are degraded together... In fact, the degradation of the environment and of the society affect, in a special way, the weakest of this planet and its worst effects are borne by the poorest of the poor.

Reading

“We live in a permanent personal and communal attitude of solidarity with the poor and commitment to justice and human dignity... We are in solidarity with creation, respecting the environment, defending ecology and working with other groups for the promotion of justice, peace and the integrity of creation.” (D. 19 & 21)

Moment of Reflection

Recalling what we have seen in the images and some word of Bonifacia in her discourse on holy Thursday



Song and Projection

Loving until the end (Maite Lopez)

Final Prayer

Lord, you who have come to bring the good news to the poor, marginalized and oppressed
Give us hope, Lord, we who have gathered here.

Give us a simple heart ready to become your witnesses, to humbly serve you
and make us present in the small seeds of your Kingdom.

Drench our hearts with kindness.

Make us clear-headed and responsible.

Give us force and audacity, and place in all our options and struggles
generosity, love and hope.

May we announce your Good News

to those whom you love the most, your sons and daughters, marginalized and beaten. Amen