**God Wants to Share in Our Burden and Proclaim Peace to Our Life**

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A humble heart listens to God and is directed by God. Our Lord Jesus Christ gives us peace in the truth that He has overcome the world (John 16:33)

* It is in trust in this power of Jesus that has overcome the world that every thought is taking captive. There are times when life’s circumstances produce waves of sorrow. Jesus wants to be part of us then and share in our thoughts and give us rest of mind.
* After we have cried out to the Lord in our pain, we can lift up our eyes to Him, and put our hope and trust in His Word.
* Our reading today gives us the assurance that Our God comes to help us in humility.

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10; It is the power of God in the restoration of His people under the Messiah. The instruments of war and destruction will be conquered and that of peace will come in the most humble way.

* “He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior’s bow shall be banished...” Ephraim and Jerusalem were the seat of power and those are the places where instruments of war like chariot and bows accompany them.
* As a result of power, the poor are oppressed and there is uncertainty even for the rich. For no one is sure of what the powerful can do at anytime because they act from whims, impulses and unguided emotions.
* The coming of the Messiah will instead come with a proclamation of peace. “See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.”
* The character of the Messiah is of humility. The world is more conquered with unlikely simple instruments of ass instead of horse, humility instead of pride. He will install a kingdom of peace.
* This is a prototype of the kingdom of Christ that is not advanced by external force and violence, by carnal weapon or an arm of flesh. It is only by the power of truth and grace of God.
* This is why He will talk peace in our world. That this peaceful approach is not in conformity with the prideful ways of the world, people who do not believe tend to refer to it as utopic. Impossible to attain.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13; St Paul emphasizes this power coming not in the flesh but in the spirit. It is only those who are in that spirit of God that will benefit from this conquer of the Lord.

* “You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.”
* Our world is in litigation, unrest, physical disturbance of the mind because people are not at peace in heart. The world is yet to accept the fact that without Jesus, there can never be peace.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30; Jesus invites us to come to Him with our burden so that He will help us to carry it.

* "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”
* This statement of Christ does not suggest nonparticipation on our side, but a cooperation with the grace of God.
* This grace of God is very important in life which the world is not interested in looking at or considering in their ways and in acting.
* The world does not have the knowledge of truth. That knowledge is given only to those who are humble and willing to listen to the Lord and it is this voice of God that leaders who would have been great refuse to listen to. Jesus who is both God and Man still listen to God the Father in prayers.