

Living Liturgy

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Gospel: Mark 10:35-45; L146B**

- Jesus challenges us: Can you drink the cup I will drink and immerse yourself in my baptism? Our first inclination is to say, No Lord, we can't; it's more than we can do. What Jesus asks of us is not easy: his life of humble service, his emptying himself for the sake of others. But if we try to imitate Jesus, then the grace of God's wisdom and strength is ours, the Spirit of God's compassion and mercy is upon us. We find that we **can** drink Jesus' cup of humble compassion, we **can** live his baptism of generosity, we **can** bring good out of evil. It won't always be pretty or go smoothly—but we **can**.
- The distinguishing mark of discipleship is the attitude of humble, joyful service to others that Jesus lifts up in today's gospel. It is a perspective that flies in the face of the what's-in-it-for-me, take-no-prisoners approach we often assume in our dealings with others. Jesus' admonition - "it shall not be so among you" - is perhaps the greatest challenge of the gospel, calling us not to accept "business as usual," not to accept injustice as "the way things are," not to justify our flexible morals with the mantra "everybody does it." Only in imitating the servanthood of Christ do we experience the true depth of our faith; only in embracing his compassion and humility in our lives do we enable the Spirit to transform our world in God's life and love.
- The word *humility* comes from the same root as the word *humus*, "(from the) ground." Humility recognizes that we are all "lowly" or "(from the) ground" and equal before God. Humility is the grace to let go of our pride and ego in order to realize the common good we share with others as given to all of us by God. Authentic faith is centered in humility that begins with valuing life as a gift from God, a gift we have received only through God's mysterious love, not through anything we have done to deserve it. To be an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble role of servant to others, to intentionally seek the happiness of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves.

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