



## ***The Gospel According to Luke 18:18-27***

***“... what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”***

The eternity of life is revealed to us through every movement of the soul that leans towards his Creator. It requires courage and faith to fall in love with the beauty that is eternal. To trust the touch of eternity with your own life. With no promise of an end. Why does eternity cares

about the time, even for a little while if not for the sake of the one who desire to be loved? The limitless love of the Father and the failing of the son is the icon of time that is resistant of eternity. All the beauty and the truth, all the kindness and generosity, the sweetness of grace in the embrace of the human condition is the invitation for the poor soul to become rich. For the time to return to eternity in humility.

***“Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor.”***

It is the poverty of the soul that hides in time like into a nest. It hides from the beautiful gate that he cannot stop beholding it. But this is precisely what the gate is inviting in us.

The hiding is without silence because the voice speaks to us: “Who do you say I am?” (Mt 16:15) It is the question that makes the soul, for a moment attentive, because the eternity of love desires an answer from the one who is afraid to speak. The fear to be heard, the fear to be listen becomes the certitude of faith that the Word who speaks to us is also the One who listens to. He does not only give but he also receives even what we can offer is broken in us and with no hope for healing.

And so, the poverty of the soul, who mistrust the beauty because of his own nature does not become a stumbling block. But rather an opening of time into eternity.

It is the poverty who teaches the soul to receive with thanksgiving. It is the poverty that brings you close to the One who became poor for our sake. It is poverty that teaches you to listen to the Word of God because of the silence that has made around you a fortress captivity for the

undesired. It is the poverty who prepares the body for spitting and beatings on the path of the cross and the soul for humiliation because what was lived in the secrecy of the heart until now can be lived publicly with gratitude because of the One who invited you to walk with Him.

Christ invites the rich young man on the path of the cross. He knows eternity and he desires it with all his heart. He loved his covenant through the commandments he fulfilled. Now the time came for him to be perfect to receive his reward.

The gospel today tells us that the path of the cross starts for us by giving everything we have to the poor. In whatever we feel rich, in attention, time, kindness or a glass of water. By sharing food, prayer or silence for the sake of communion among those who know the solitude of life the community of the saints becomes rich in unity.

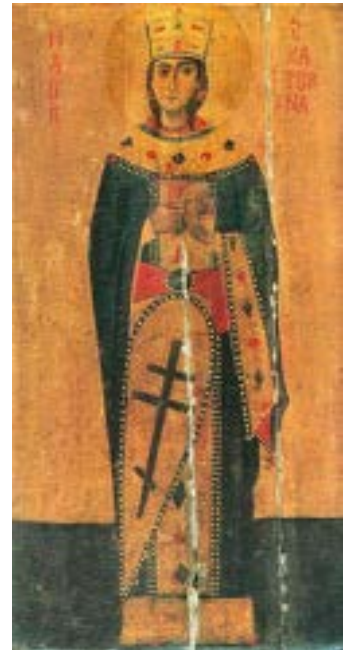
It prepares us for the path of the cross and it heals in us the trauma of our own poverty. The poor have overcome the rejection of the world we can do the same. By giving everything, we become like them, in touch with our fear for the One loves us the way we are. We become kind with the poverty of our soul by sharing everything we have good in us with the poor. Their love is genuine and heals our shame because we have become part of the church who does not doubt the love of the bridegroom. The bride is walking the streets always faithful to the love she knows:

***“They smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.”*** The Song of Songs Song 5:7

The invitation for the young man is genuine. Jesus was going to Jerusalem (Luke 18:31). And He wants the young man to come with Him. He can receive his reward now.

The path of the cross starts through associating with the poor. It prepares the poor soul with a love that is genuine and always in need of a stranger. And it reveals in us the stranger we are for those we learn to love.

It takes us deeper, into the heart of the city where love is magnified, and the enemy is disarmed through the cross. It is the love that forgives that we desire. The one that brings the eternity into time. So we can all be changed.



## Community life:

St Catherin being rich has become poor for the sake of the bridegroom. On her feast day, Sister Catherin prayed and eat with the poor at St Johns and taught us about the mystery of the human soul. We are thankful to such a gift to her and Luise who introduced sister to our community.

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