

LITURGY OF THE KINGDOM

All Called to Live of Love

FIRST READING

Reader: *A reading taken from the spiritual heritage of humanity.*

Assembly: *From all time, Heaven has prepared the coming of the Kingdom.*

Reader: *Today a short passage [3 verses out of 15] from the well-known poem, “Living on Love” by Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus.*

It is written:

Living on Love is not setting up one's tent
At the top of Tabor.
It's climbing Calvary with Jesus,
It's looking at the Cross as a treasure!...
In Heaven I'm to live on joy,
Then trials will have fled forever,
But in exile, in suffering I want
To live on Love.

Living on Love is giving without limit,
without claiming any wages here below.
Ah! I give without counting, truly sure
That when one loves, one does not keep count!...
Overflowing with tenderness, I have given everything,
To his Divine Heart... lightly I run.
I have nothing left but my only wealth:
Living on Love.

Dying of Love is what I hope for.
When I shall see my bonds broken,
My God will be my Great Reward.
I don't desire to possess other goods.
I want to be set on fire with his Love.
I want to see Him, to unite myself to Him forever.
That is my Heaven... that is my destiny:
Living on Love!

Reader: *This was a passage from a poem by Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus.*

Assembly: *Thanks be to God.*