

Readings – THE CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

Opening Prayer – God of love and goodness, you created man and woman in your image and likeness. May the perpetual miracle of life be a constant reminder to humanity of its vocation in the great mystery of Love for all the millennium of the Kingdom.

First Reading (Martin Luther King)

READER: A reading taken from the spiritual heritage of humanity.
ALL: ***From all time, Heaven has prepared the coming of the Kingdom.***

READER: Today, a passage from a speech by Martin Luther King, an American Baptist minister, born in 1929 and assassinated in 1968. He lost his life because of his fight in favor of the equality of all men as creatures of God. It is written:

The call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all mankind. This often misunderstood and misinterpreted concept, so readily dismissed by the strong minds of the world as a weak and cowardly force, has now become an absolute necessity for the survival of man.

When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and [superficial] response. I am speaking of that force which all the great religions [in the world] have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Moslem-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the first epistle of Saint John: "Let us love one another, for God is love. And everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. If we love one another, God dwells in us..." [1 John 4:16]

READER: This was a passage from a speech by Martin Luther King.
ALL: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalms R./ Let us love one another as God loves us.

Second Reading (Mk 12:28-34)

ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia, alleluia.*** Man's heart must turn first to God and then to others, in order to win over the entire world. ***Alleluia.***

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
ALL: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

In reply to a scribe's question, Jesus gave us the commandments of love: love God first and then love your neighbor as yourself.

PRIEST: The Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Third Reading (Le Royaume, no. 110, March-April 1996, pp. 1-2)

ACCLAMATION: ***From the Lord to the Lady, one single Love, one single Mystery: one single Kingdom to lead all His Creation to God.***

MOTHER: A proclamation of the works of the Lady.

ALL: ***The Lady's word is a word of truth.***

MOTHER: In *Le Royaume* of March-April 1996, Marie-Paule began by quoting Pope John Paul II:

"I am deeply convinced," he said, "that love in truth is the greatest of all, and that it is really capable of surpassing and triumphing over everything that is not love. The family is the center and the heart of the civilization of love. It is the great mystery of God.

"Modern rationalism does not tolerate mystery. It is not willing to admit that the full truth about man has been revealed in Jesus Christ. But once man begins to lose sight of God who loves him, and once the family no longer has the possibility of sharing in the 'great mystery', what is left?...

"Human beings are not the same thing as the images proposed in advertising and shown by the modern mass media. They are much more because of their vocation to love, which introduces them as male and female into the realm of the 'great mystery'."

Then, Marie-Paule went on to say: "The history of our time will one day do justice to Pope John Paul II, the voice of Jesus Christ... Then, a new morning will come, bright with light, for Mary and the Holy Spirit will kindle the fire of love which will purify our bimillenary generation.... Let come those days when the purest joy of the tomorrow of light will bear the imprint of the redeeming cross, rich in the resources of eternal glory! Each one will be able to live the harmoniousness reserved to souls of good will, a prelude to the eternal joy to which we are all invited."

MOTHER: Thus said the Lady. ALL: ***May she be blessed forever.***

Prayer over the Offerings – God as Father with the Immaculate as Mother, with this bread and wine being offered to you through the infinite merits of the Son and the Daughter, deign to bless and sanctify all the persons who, within the human family, are cooperating with a view to the civilization of love.

Communion Antiphon – "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love."

Prayer after Communion – Jesus Christ and Paul-Marie, through the grace of this Eucharistic Communion, grant that your divine peace may increase in us. May the Spirit of Holiness and Truth enkindle the fire of His love in all souls of good will that are striving to live the double command of love with a view to the Kingdom.