

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Gospel text (Mt 28,8-15): The women left the tomb at once in holy fear, yet with great joy, and they ran to tell the news to the disciples. Suddenly, Jesus met them on the way and said, «Peace». The women approached him, embraced his feet and worshiped him. But Jesus said to them, «Do not be afraid (...)».

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Today, more than ever before, veneration is necessary. To venerate is to prostrate oneself, to acknowledge from our humility God's infinite greatness. Only true self-effacement can recognize true greatness, but can also recognize smallness when it endeavors to appear as significant.

One of the greatest perversions of our time is that we are asked to worship the human leaving aside the divine. "You shall worship the Lord, your God and Him only" is the great challenge in front of so many suggestions about the void and nothingness. Not to worship the contemporary idols - with their siren songs - is the great challenge of our present time. Idols causing death do not deserve any worshipping; only the God of life deserves worship and glory.

—To worship is to say "God" and to say "life". To worship is to be the joyful witnesses of His victory and not to be overwhelmed by the great tribulation while enjoying in anticipation the feast of the encounter with the Lamb, the only one worthy of worshipping, in whom we celebrate the triumph of life and love over death and abandonment.

Worship

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Today, women who had gone to the tomb feel a great joy in their hearts by the message of the angel of the resurrection of the Master. And go "running": their hearts explode if not communicated to all pupils. Jesus meets Mary Magdalene and the other Mary ... and every man and woman.

By his Incarnation, God has united Himself in some way, every man. The reactions of women in the presence of the Lord express the deepest attitudes human before our Creator and Redeemer-submission because it "grabbed" at his feet and worship. Worship is the submission of tender; in absolute level, we only give to God.

—"Be not afraid, "says Jesus. Fear of the Lord? Ever, if the love of loves! "Fear of losing? Yes, because we know our weakness. Therefore we hold very strong at his feet: Lord, do not leave us!