



The International Day of Prayer and
Awareness Against Human Trafficking
A light against Trafficking

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without human
trafficking*



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Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita
February 8, 2021

11 a.m. Ancilla Domini Chapel

Introductory Rites

Prelude

Instrumental

Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Hosea 2: 14-15, 19-20

Therefore I will allure her now;
and bring her into the wilderness
and speak tenderly to her,

From there I will give her vineyards and make,
the Valley of Achor a door of hope.
There she shall respond as in the days of her youth,
as at the time when she came up from the land of Egypt.

And I will take you for my wife forever;
I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice,
in steadfast love, and in mercy.
I will take you for my wife in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 45

Listen To Me, Daughter

Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.
Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.
So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord, and you must worship him.

R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

All glorious is the king's daughter as she enters;
her raiment is threaded with spun gold.
In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king;
behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you.

R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.
The place of your fathers your sons shall have;
you shall make them princes through all the land.

R. Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 4: 18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
because he has anointed me.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord

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Reflection

“Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: Who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage...” - Saint Josephine Bakhita

Intercessions

We Pray to the Lord

For those exploited and objectified by the commercial sex industry,

Rise up, O Lord, set them free.

For those forced to become soldiers, for the children made into the tools of violence,

Rise up, O Lord, set them free.

For those forced to labor out of sight in factories, mines, farm fields and private homes across the world,

Rise up, O Lord, set them free.

For the traffickers, pimps and slaveholders who perpetuate the system of indignity and degradation,

Change their hearts, move them to justice.

For governments, corporations and consumers that turn a blind eye to human trafficking,

Change their hearts, move them to justice.

For us, that we may examine how we perpetuate human slavery and what we can do to end it,

Change our hearts, move us to justice.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

A. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

B. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death,
O Lord, Until you come again.

C. Save us, Savior of the world,
For by your cross and resurrection
You have set us free.

Great Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion

for those joining virtually

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Song

Instrumental

Concluding Rite

Postlude

Instrumental

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For many years, *Saint Josephine Bakhita* was a slave, but her spirit was always free.

Born in 1869 in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at age 7, sold into slavery, and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, and accompanied her to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis wanted to return to Africa and take Mimmina and Josephine, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession in 1896. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

She died on February 8, 1947. The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized in 2000.

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