

*The Soul Who Lives in the Divine Will Serves her King*  
*Gospel Reading for March 15, 2017*  
*With Divine Will Truths*

*Matthew 20: 17-28*

*Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, and on the way he took the Twelve to one side and said to them, 'Now we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the pagans to be mocked and scourged and crucified; and on the third day he will rise again.'*

*Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came with her sons to make a request of him, and bowed low; and he said to her, 'What is it you want?' She said to him, 'Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at Your Right Hand and the other at Your Left in Your Kingdom.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus answered. 'Can you drink the cup that I AM going to drink?' They replied, 'We can.' 'Very well,' he said 'you shall drink My cup, but as for seats at My Right Hand and My Left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted by My Father.'*

*When the other ten heard this they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.'*

**I. The Church—People of God (ccc)**  
**A priestly, prophetic, and royal people**

**786** Finally, the People of God shares in the royal office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men to himself through his death and Resurrection.<sup>211</sup> Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."<sup>212</sup> For the Christian, "to reign is to serve him," particularly when serving "the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder."<sup>213</sup> The People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ.

***From the Book of Heaven***

***V22 – Aug. 4, 1927*** - *I was feeling highly afflicted because of the usual privations of my beloved Jesus; but as usual as this pain is, it becomes more intense and ever more harsh, to the point of rendering me petrified. Now, while I was as though immersed in the sea of this pain, I was given a refreshment, and in that ice-cold water I looked at the Will of He who kept me tortured, and yet loved me, as He had prepared that refreshment.*

*And as I was bringing it to my lips, Jesus moved in my interior in the act of stretching out His hand in order to sustain the glass, to help me Himself to drink, saying: “I am serving My queen—she serves Me, Who Am her King, and I serve her, who is My queen. In fact, one who does My Will and Lives in It is always ready to do what I Want, therefore she serves her King faithfully and in an admirable way; and since My Will is in her, I serve My Own Will that Rendered her queen.”*

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