

NOVEMBER 14, 2019
Thursday of the 32nd Week in OT
Luke 17: 20-25

BE WITH US ALWAYS

Are we tired and unhappy seeing wars, conflict, injustice, starvation, and killing? There is always a question in our heart: “How long this suffering will last? Like us, the Pharisees wanted to know and asked the Lord “When will the reign of God come?” Jesus Christ in our gospel for today set aside the question of “when” it will come, but instead focuses instead on “how” the kingdom of God will come. For Christ, the coming of the Kingdom is not a particular point of time, unlike those who try to predict the conclusion and the end of the world on such and such a day. He declines to pinpoint the reign of God “here” or “there.” For Him, there is no all-holy place where God dwells, rather than in another. He answered it with a consoling word: “The kingdom of God is already here among us.”

Within every one’s hearts, God reigns. He is with us already and we already have a foretaste of eternal life. It is already here, right before us, but we fail to notice. We are so preoccupied with other things, that we fail to recognize He is with us, the Kingdom is here and now. Christ is present in our lives, we only need eyes to see and ears to hear, with faith.

Like the disciples, let us ask Him: “Lord, increase our faith. May we see You always through our brothers and sisters. May Your Kingdom reigns in our heart and share it to others.”