

# ***How to be a Synodal Church in Mission***

## ***Towards the Second Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 2024***



### **Reflection for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), 27 October, 2024**

#### **Readings**

*1st Reading:* Jeremiah 31:7-9  
*I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.*

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 125  
*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

*2nd Reading:* Hebrews 5:1-6  
*You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

*Gospel Acclamation:* cf 2 Timothy 1:10  
*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.*

*Gospel:* Mark 10:46-52  
*Master, grant that I may see.*

#### **Reflection**

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time bring us to the close of the Second Session of the Synod. The readings for this week invite us to recognise and see the great things that the Lord has done for us throughout this graced time, and through all time. This is a source of joy and gratitude. Communion, participation and mission are at the heart of the Synod and also guide our actions as followers of Christ in the time to come as we continue to walk together as the People of God.

What will each of us do to advance this mission of compassionate mercy where we are? How do each of us understand what Christ asks of us as individuals and as communities? Each part of the Body of Christ has their vital and unique response and contribution to make. Like Bartimaeus, what do we want Jesus to do for us so that we may see? Each of us is called by our name in baptism and invited to follow Christ in faith and trust. We are not alone.

As we continue to share a life of prayer, proclamation and love of neighbour, we pray that we grow in our commitment to listen to what the Spirit is saying and to welcome resurrection. As pilgrims of hope, we give thanks for the love of God that lights our way.

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