

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 29th SUNDAY YEAR-B-2024:

KINGDOM OF HUMILITY and SERVICE:

In our first reading (Isa 52:10-11) the image of God is portrait as **all powerful(omnipotent),all present(Omnipresence) and as all knowing(Omniscient) He is ever everywhere.**In New Testament Christ the second person in Trinity presents himself with **authority of service to others.**He is Emmanuel God with us and in us in all circumstances.He is not far from us.He is like us in all things but sin.He understands all our struggles.He is the **suffering servant in the book of Isaiah who laid down his life to redeem and save us.His death was the beginning of his glorification,justification** and the source of **blessings and redemption.**

In the gospel(Mk 10:42-45) he revealed himself to his apostles as the one who **came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.**James and his brother John,members of inner group asked Jesus for a Favor,they wanted the **highest offices in his cabinet,the important position in Jesus Kingdom** after Jesus himself.They were very **selfish and ambitious** in their request.They we're looking for an earthly position and this brought misunderstandings with the other apostles,remember the same request had been put across by their mother for the two boys(mt. 20:21).Jesus knew no idea of what they were asking for.Their thoughts were on the

earthly kingdom, where they would **share, fame and fortune (Nusu mkate) half bread (kiswahili)** Jesus was talking of kingdom of **humility, commitment, fidelity and simplicity.** Jesus summed the apostles **for they had not yet understood him despite his teaching, on being the servant of others. The question of who sits where in the glory is for the father to determine not Jesus.** He simply **started all over again to teach them on the simplicity, and service for the kingdom of God.** The structure and the standard of God's kingdom is different from earthly political one. Authority and power are different, one loads it on the citizen and he is telling us this must not happen to us, wherever you are, be a Christian and practice the standard of **selfless service humility and simplicity** this is the call of Christ followers. What service am I giving as a priest, teacher, parent, young person in my profession. Am I portraying Christ among others. Jesus didn't **kyak** get angry with the two brothers, he gently answered them **you do not know what you are asking.**

Most of the times we do not know what we are asking God in prayer. Maybe we are looking for something to **lift us above other (position), maybe we are greedy looking for more material prosperity, or praying for our enemies to experience something bad, or we are envious, jealousy! DO WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR?.**

