**The daybreak from on high will visit us**

**THURSDAY DICEMBER 24 (Lk 1,67-79)**

The Sun that rises from above and comes to visit us is the Word of the Father, his Only Begotten Son, who becomes flesh and comes to dwell among us. Jesus is the true Sun of Justice. He will come not only to reveal justice to us according to his Father, but also to teach us how we live by it, in it, for it. The Sun of Justice is God. The Word is the Sun of Justice, because He is Sun from Sun, Light from Light, begotten not created, of the same substance as the Father. So did the prophet Malachi: *“For lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, And the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays; And you will gambol like calves out of the stall and tread down the wicked; They will become ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day I take action, says the LORD of hosts. (Mal 3,19-21).* However, Jesus does not come for judgment, but for justice, he comes to announce conversion and to offer every man the grace of salvation and the blood that redeems and justifies him.

What David says about the man who rules with justice is infinitely more valid for Jesus the Lord: “*These are the last words of David: "The utterance of David, son of Jesse; the utterance of the man God raised up, Anointed of the God of Jacob, favorite of the Mighty One of Israel. The spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke; of me the Rock of Israel said, 'He that rules over men in justice, that rules in the fear of God, Is like the morning light at sunrise on a cloudless morning, making the greensward sparkle after rain.' Is not my house firm before God? He has made an eternal covenant with me, set forth in detail and secured. Will he not bring to fruition all my salvation and my every desire? (2Sam 23,1-5).*  Jesus is more than the light of a morning when the sun comes out. He is the Rightous One who comes to enlighten every man with the light of his truth. And yet this Sun of Justice is a gift of the Father's mercy.

*“Then Zechariah his father, filled with the holy Spirit, prophesied, saying: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old: salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to show mercy to our fathers and to be mindful of his holy covenant and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father, and to grant us that, rescued from the hand of enemies, without fear we might worship him in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord  to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”*

In the mystery of salvation, redemption, justification, everything begins in the heart of the Father. This truth is thus revealed by the Lord Jesus: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (Jn 3,16-18).* The Sun comes to visit us. He comes to bring us his grace and truth, his justice and peace, light and eternal life. Whoever welcomes him as a gift of salvation and eternal life from the Father, enters the light, will reach the light that knows no sunset, because he will immerse himself in the eternal light that is God. Whoever does not welcome him is darkness and remains in darkness. For him the Sun of justice, the Sun of eternal light becomes condemnation due to the rejection of Him.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels and Saints, let us welcome the Sun of Justice.