

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary School

2nd Week of Easter

John 20:19-23 Peace be with you

Introduction

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and offered them the gift of his peace. At the same time he sent them out into the world to preach the Gospel and to share this peace with others.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus is risen from the dead to
be with us always.

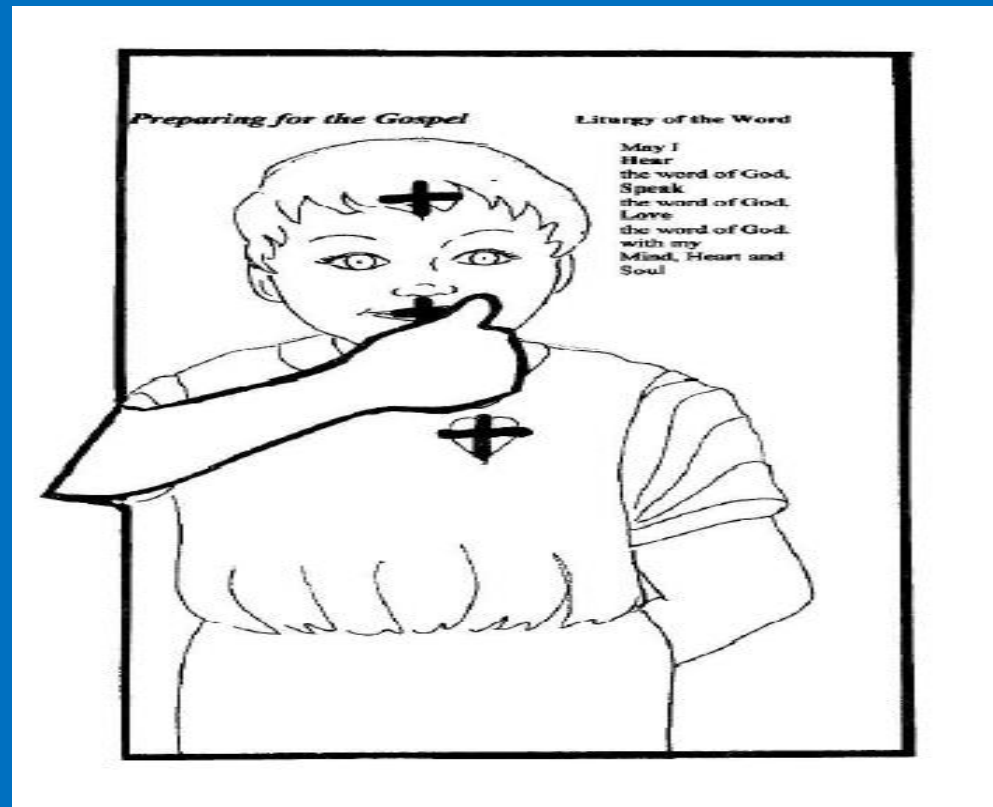
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



Gospel



Gospel John 20:19-23

The disciples were gathered together in one room when suddenly, Jesus appeared among them. Seeing their fear he said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side.

The disciples were overjoyed to see Jesus again and to know that he was alive! Then Jesus said to them, 'I give you my peace and as my Father sent me, so I am sending you.' Breathing gently on them he said, 'Be filled with the Holy Spirit and know that whoever you forgive, will be forgiven by me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





Reflection 1

The first words that Jesus spoke were 'Peace be with you.' The word peace can be used in many ways. Jesus wanted his disciples to feel calm and unafraid: but it can also be used in other ways, to be free from disturbance or war, not quarrelsome but friendly and also to mean silence, with little noise to disturb you.

Reflection 2

The disciples had run away and left Jesus when he was arrested. Even Peter had denied knowing him three times. But Jesus had no quarrel with them, he had forgiven them and wanted to reassure them. They need not be afraid any more because Jesus would be with them always.

Reflection 3

Jesus sent out the disciples to carry on his work with the help of the Holy Spirit and to share the Good News with rest of the world. He gave them the power and authority to forgive sins and to share his peace and forgiveness with other people.

Reflection 4

Jesus has shared his gift of peace with each one of us as a sign of his love.

How can we share his peace with others?

We could try and be more understanding towards others

We could be more kind and friendly

We could give a warm welcome with a smile

Let us take a few moments to reflect how we can share peace and also share the Good News.

Prayer

Lord Jesus

Just as you shared your peace with us, help us
to share it with each other so that our world
may be filled with love and friendship

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

Amen

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