



Our Lady of Peace School

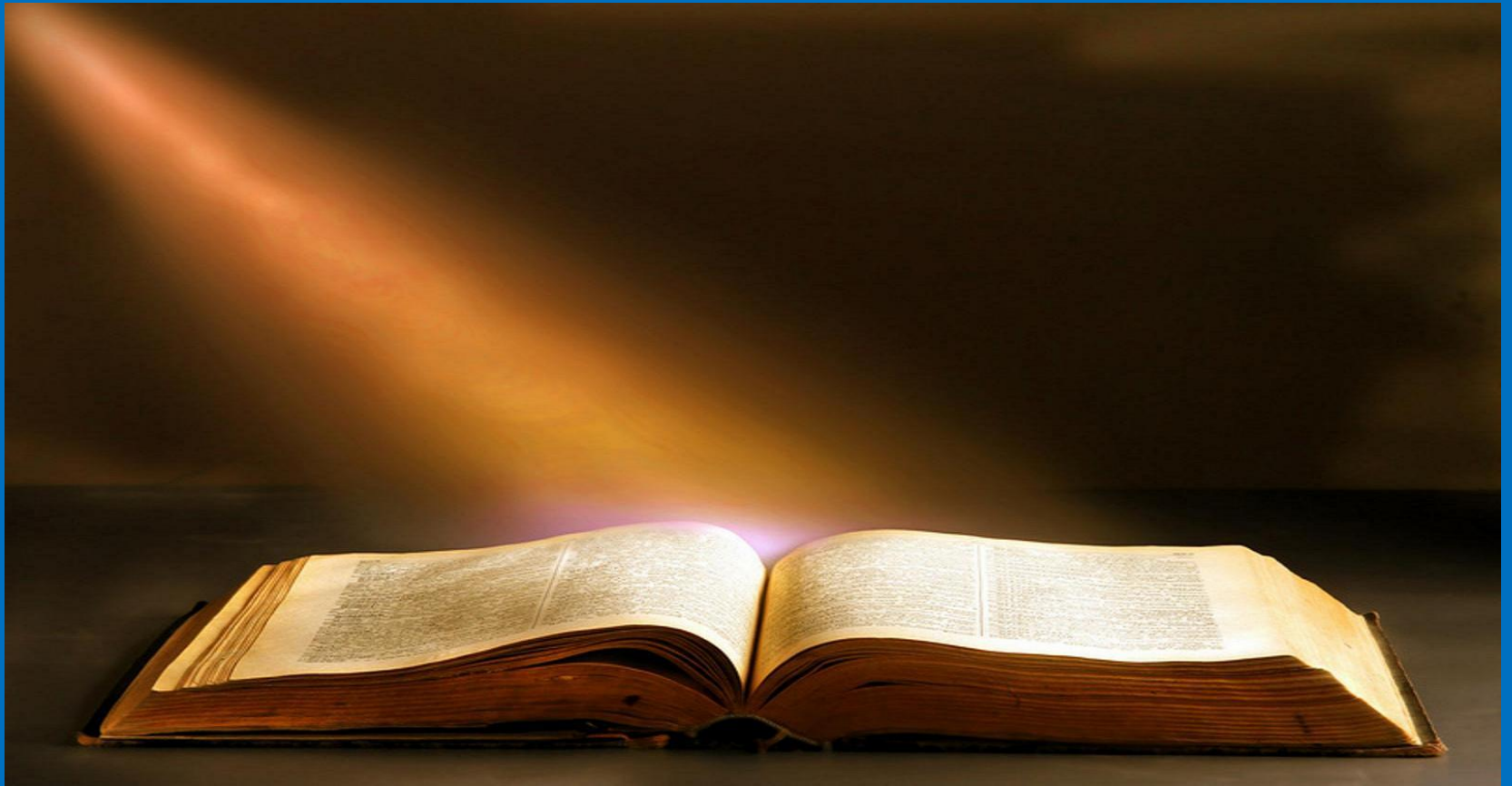
With Christ in our hearts, together we grow
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Matthew 5:38 to 48 Love your enemies



Introduction

Today we hear Jesus telling us in the Gospel that we must learn to forgive and love our enemies, and never hate them or harm them.

Gospel Acclamation



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Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia praise the Lord,

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As we listen to His story,

Let us praise Him for His glory,

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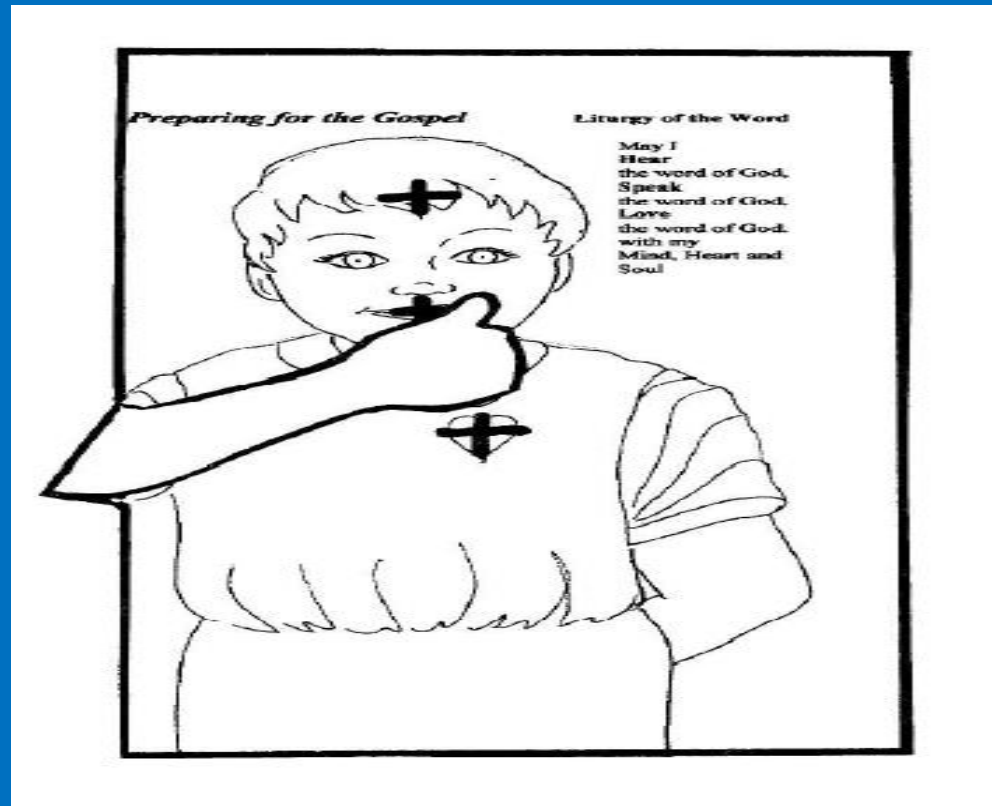
Alleluia, alleluia,

The Lord be with you

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew

Response: Glory to you, O Lord





Matthew 5: 38-48

- One day Jesus said: "If someone hits you, do not hit him back, instead you must forgive them and try to be their friend. Learn to love your enemies and try to be their friend. Learn to love your enemies and to pray for anyone who wishes you harm. It is easy to love someone who loves you back, but it is hard to love someone who hurts you. Try to be like God our Father, who always forgives. If you do this, others will see God's goodness in you, and my Father in heaven will be very pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



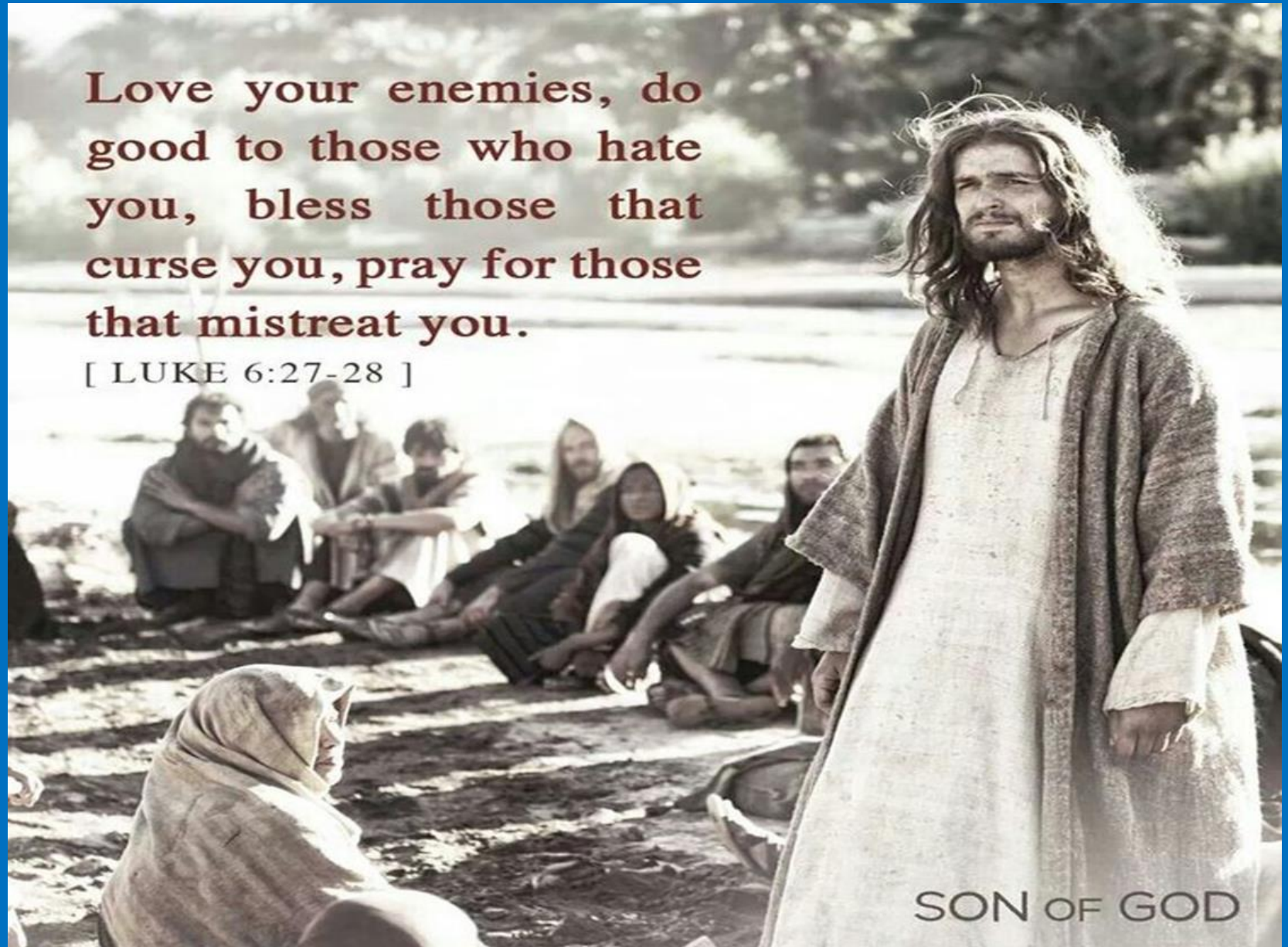
Reflection 1

- Jesus tells us to love as God loves- all people, even those we do not like! It is easy to be kind to those who are kind to us, but God wants us to be good to people who hurt us too.
- Has anyone ever been hurt by someone else at school or at home?
- Think carefully about how you felt, did you feel angry, did you feel hurt?
- How should you react to the incident?
- Who could you talk to?

**Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate
you, bless those that
curse you, pray for those
that mistreat you.**

[LUKE 6:27-28]

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Reflection 2

What has Jesus told us to do?

We should not let our anger win. We must try to be generous and kind, and to become friends.

This is never easy, but we should try to do what we know is right. If the bully laughs at us and will not listen, do not give up!

Tell an adult- a teacher or parent, and perhaps they can help them to realise that hurting others is wrong and instead they must learn to love.



Reflection 3

Do you know of any countries at war?

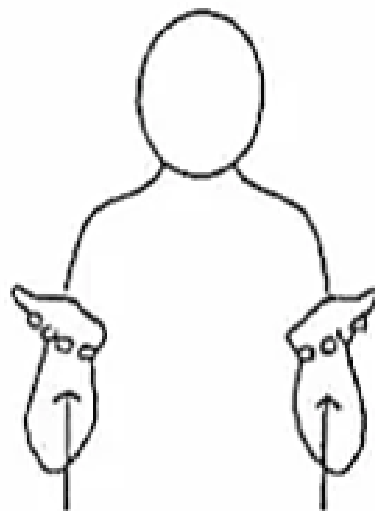
All over the world many countries are enemies and their people are at war. Many people are trying hard to bring peace to these places, to encourage friendship, just as Jesus wanted. In our own small way we too can be peacemakers like them; by offering our friendship to everyone we meet; by trying to end a quarrel between others, and by learning to say sorry and to forgive others who hurt us.



Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You once said,
“I leave you my peace, my peace I give you.”
May our hands reach out
To share your peace with others,
And may our hearts always be filled with
forgiveness and love.
With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.
Amen

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



stand up

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