



Our Lady of Peace
'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

- Twenty-eighth Week of the Year
 - Luke 17 Thankfulness

Introduction

As children we are taught to say “thank you” when we are given something but how many times do we forget to say thank you to God for all His goodness.





Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x 3

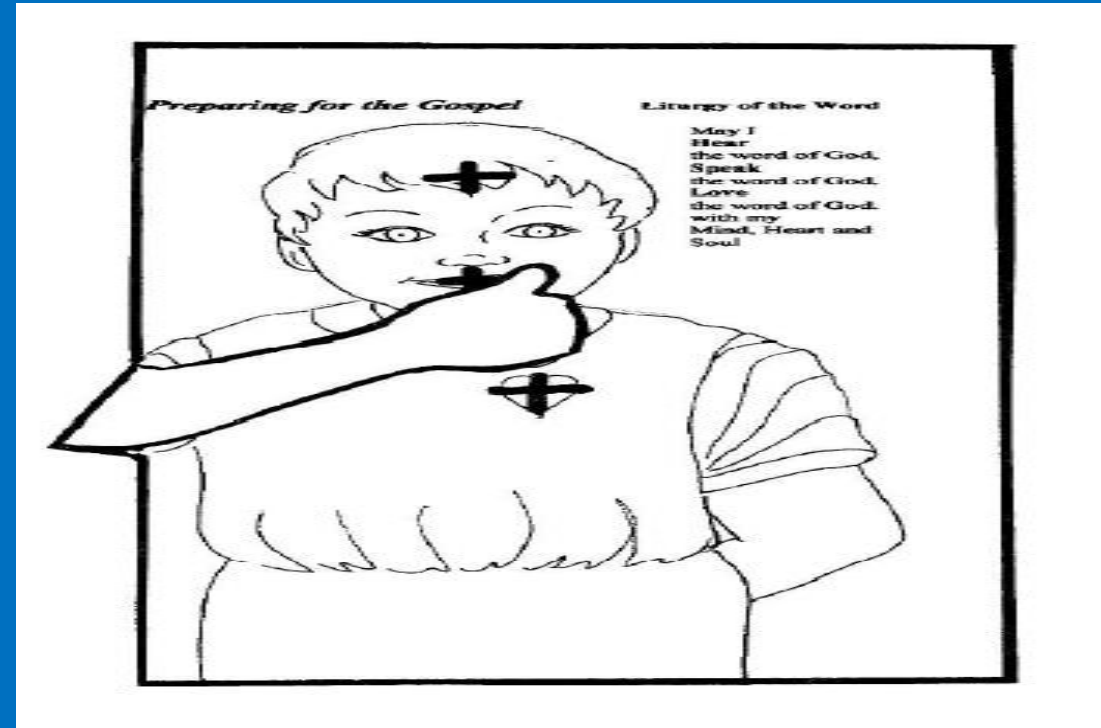
Give thanks to the Lord for all His love.

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x3

The Lord be with you
Response: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



Gospel



Gospel Luke 17

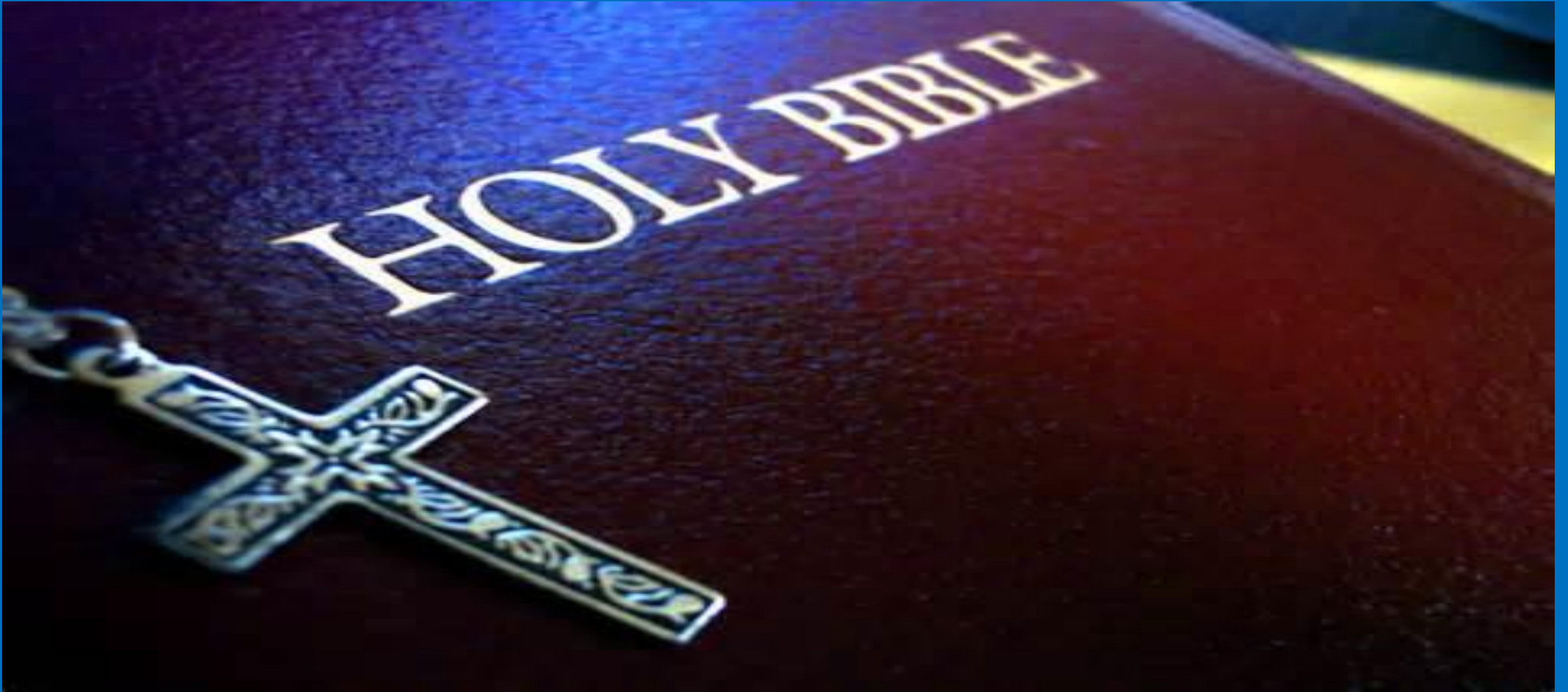
On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus drew near a village where he found ten lepers waiting to meet Him. Keeping their distance they called out to Him, Jesus of Nazareth have pity and help us!”

Jesus saw their suffering and said, “ go and show yourself to the priest.”

They set off to see the priest and on the way they realised that their leprosy had disappeared and they were cured! As the others ran to find the priest, one of the ten went back to find Jesus. He threw himself down before Him, praising God and thanking Jesus for His kindness.

“Were the others not cured too?” Jesus asked. “Yet only one has bothered to thank God for His goodness.” Then He said to the man, “Now go and see the priest, your faith in God has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection 1

In what ways did the lepers suffer?

They suffered the disease of leprosy which causes deformity with the loss of limbs and sometimes blindness. They also suffered because they were outcasts who were driven away from their homes and families, to live far away from villages and towns. Their lives were miserable and their sufferings were great.

Reflection 2

What did Jesus do when they asked for His help?

Jesus took pity on them and asked them to go and show themselves to the priest. The priest was the person who decided whether their leprosy had gone and gave them permission to live with their families again. They showed how much they believed in Jesus, because they set off at once, and trusted Him to cure them.

Reflection 3

What did one of the lepers do when he realised that he had been cured?

He remembered to go back to Jesus and say thank you. The others had rushed off to see the priest and be reunited with their families and friends again.

Reflection 3

Do you think that Jesus was pleased that one said “thank you”?

Jesus was very pleased with the one leper who had remembered to say thank you but was disappointed that the other nine had not. People often forget to thank Jesus when something good happens. Often we forget to thank God for all His goodness.

Reflection



Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,
The lepers asked for your help
And you gave them new life and new hope.
Thank you for all the love
And kindness you give me.
With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.
Amen