



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary School

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Proclaim the Good News



Introduction

Jesus asked his heavenly Father to unite his disciples in love and to give them the courage to proclaim the Good News to the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

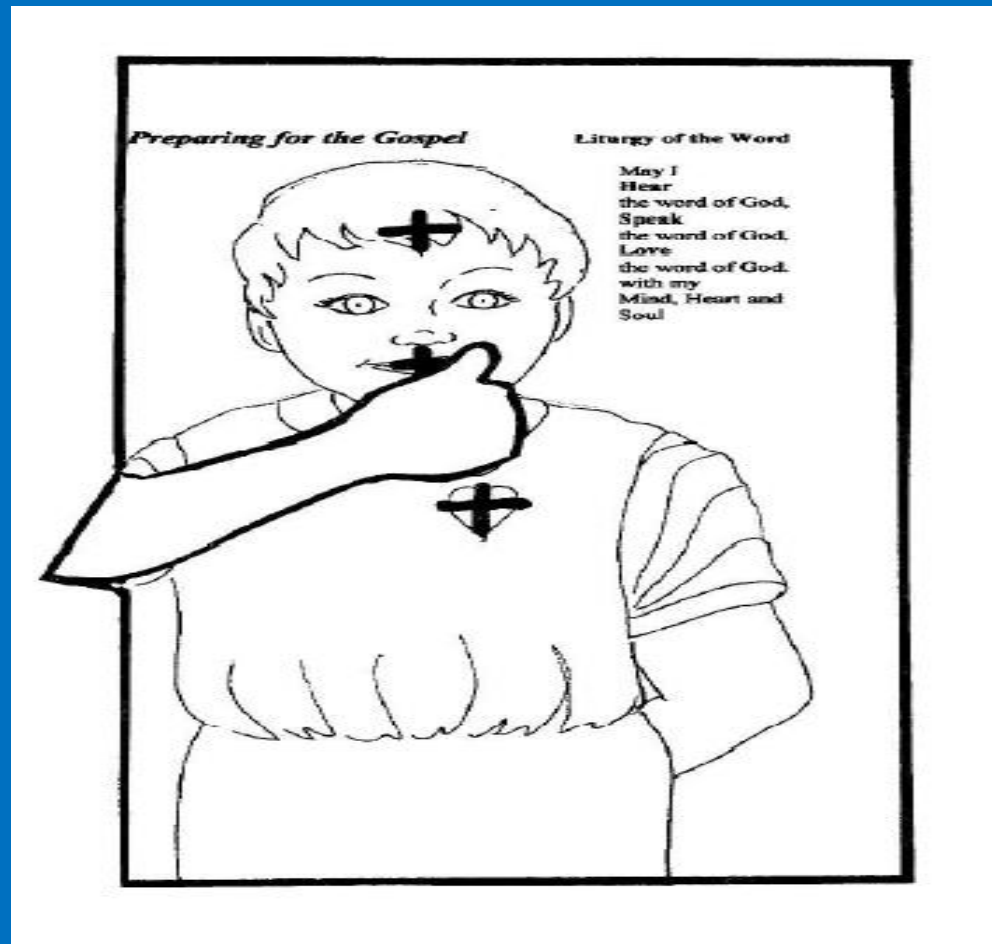
Go out to the world and proclaim
the Good News.

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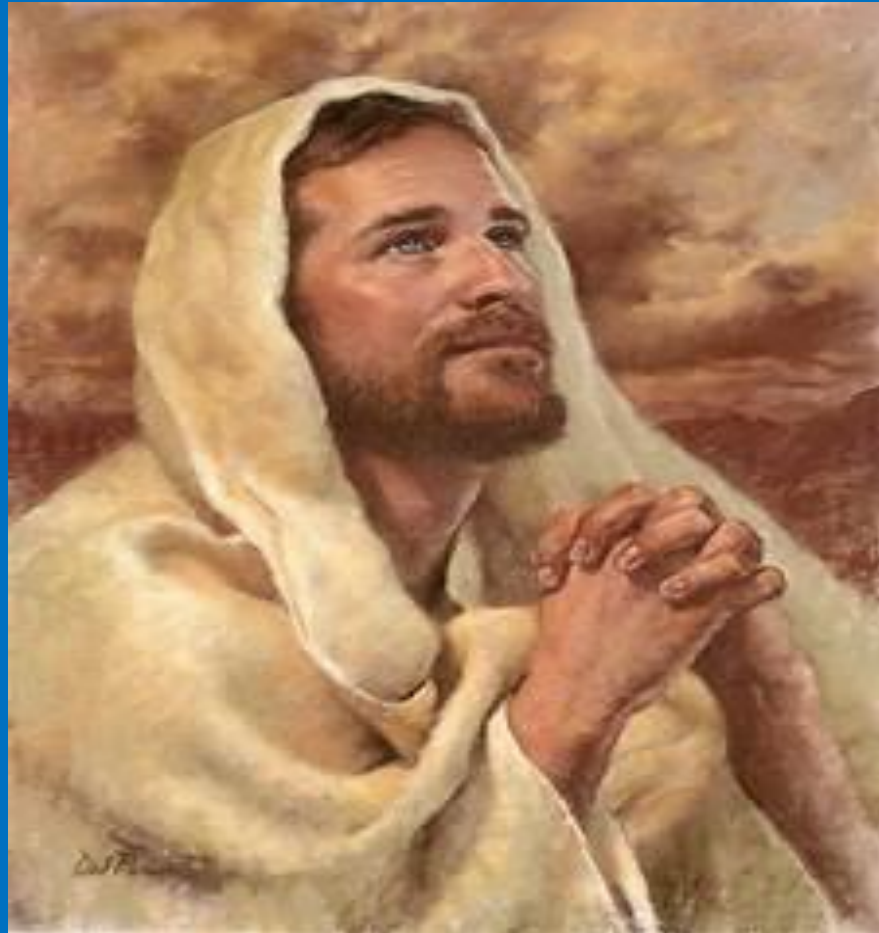
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Response:

Glory to you, O Lord



Gospel



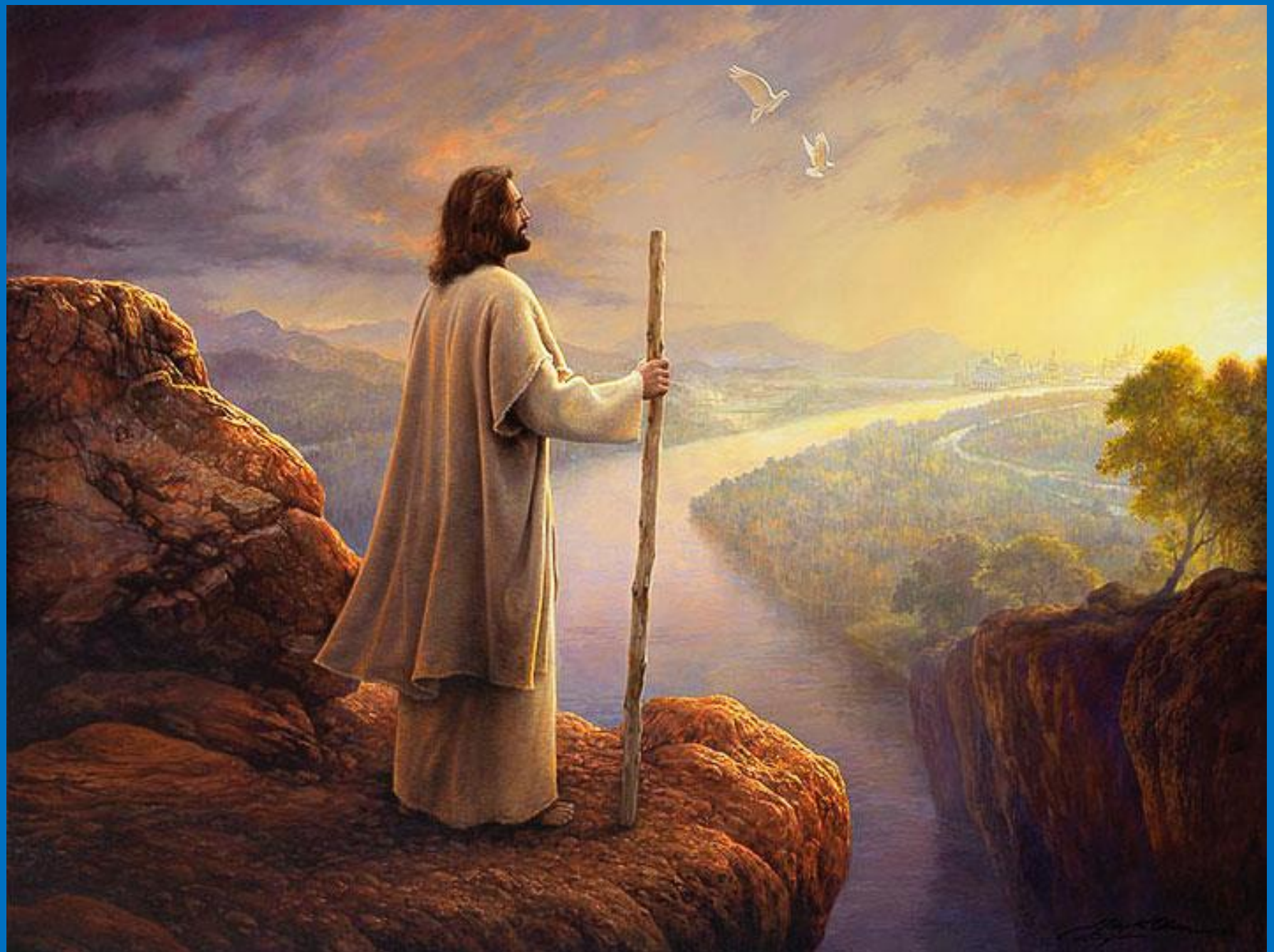
Gospel John 17:20-26

Looking up to heaven Jesus prayed, 'Heavenly Father, take care of my disciples and everyone who comes to believe in you because of them. Unite them in love and make one just as you and I are one. Through me they have come to know you, and will share what they know with the whole world. They have seen your glory on earth, let them share it with you forever at the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





Reflection 1

What did the apostles do after Jesus had returned to his heavenly Father?

Filled with the Holy Spirit, they put the love of God and other people first in their lives and began to tell everyone about Jesus and to cure people in his name.

Reflection 2

Soon their numbers grew as more and more people came to believe in Jesus.

It is important that each and everyone of us spread the Good News by what we say and by what we do- How can we show this?

Take a few moments to reflect on this.

Reflection 3

How did the teachings of Jesus spread outside of Jerusalem?

Through the Holy Spirit the disciples were filled with joy of Christ and with his love. Urged by the Spirit, some of them set off on missionary journeys to bring their faith to others. They shared the words and teachings of Jesus and through them many came to believe in him.

Reflection 4

In what part of the Bible can you read about the lives and actions of those who first believed in Jesus?

After the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, there is a book called the Acts of the Apostles, which tells how the early followers of Jesus were guided by the Holy Spirit to share Christ's message with the whole world.

Reflection 5

The early Christians were drawn together by their love and their belief in Jesus, just as Christians are today.

What prayer do we say every week at Mass in which we proclaim our faith just as the first disciples did?

In the 'Creed' we tell each other and the world, that we believe in God who is all powerful and full of love and goodness.



Prayer

We believe in God our Father,
who made the world in which we live.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

He was born by the power of the Holy Spirit and
Mary was his mother.

Jesus was crucified and died for us, but after three
days he rose from the dead. Jesus returned to
heaven and lives with God and one day he will
come again.

Amen

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

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