



Our Lady of Peace

31st Week of Ordinary Time

The two great commandments: Mark 12:28-34

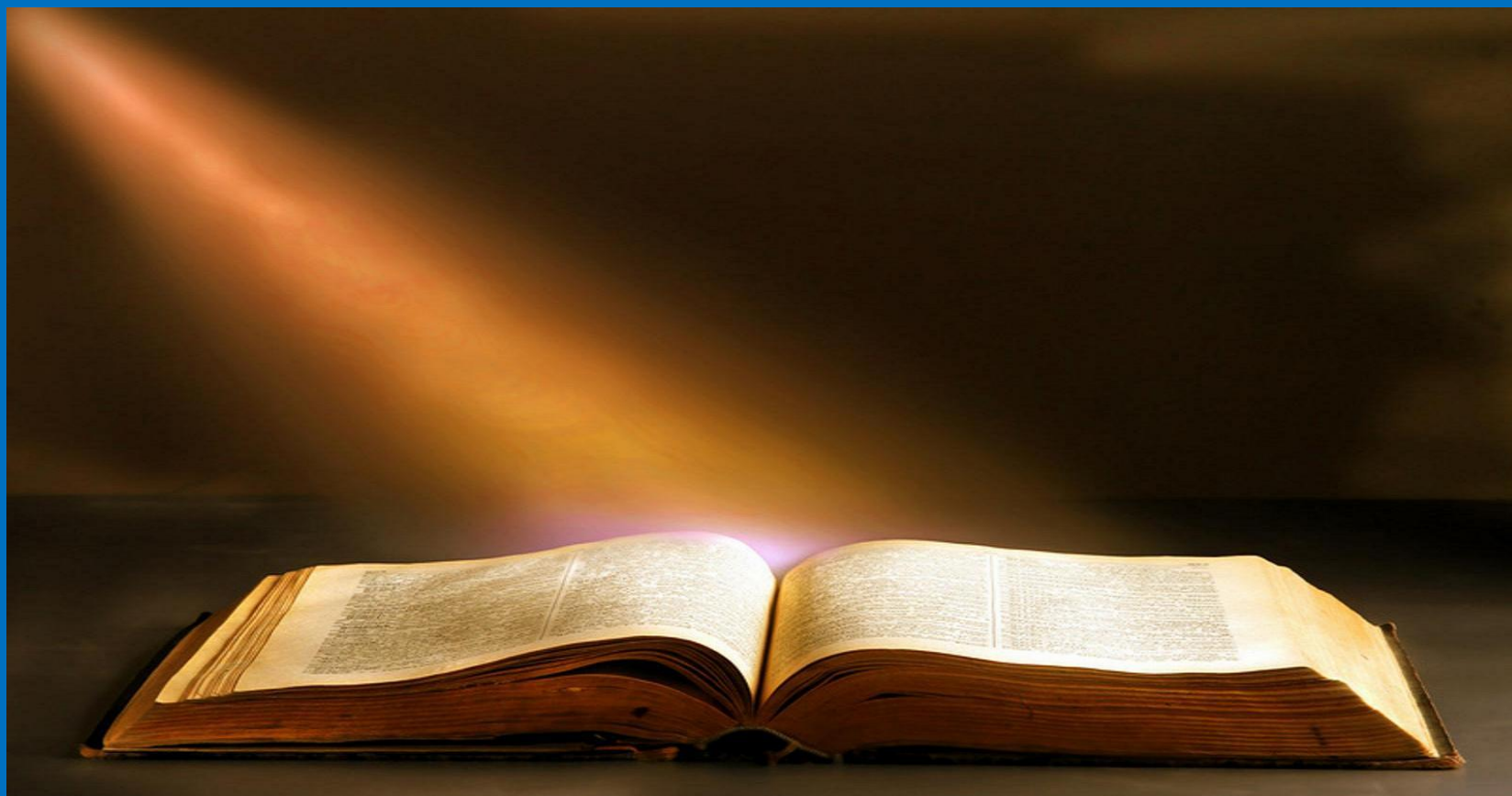
Introduction

In the Gospel today, it talks about how the scribes were very religious and carefully obeyed every commandment of the Jewish Law and spent much of their time studying the scriptures. One day, a scribe came to Jesus and asked him an important question. Listen carefully to hear what the question was.

Introduction



Gospel Acclamation



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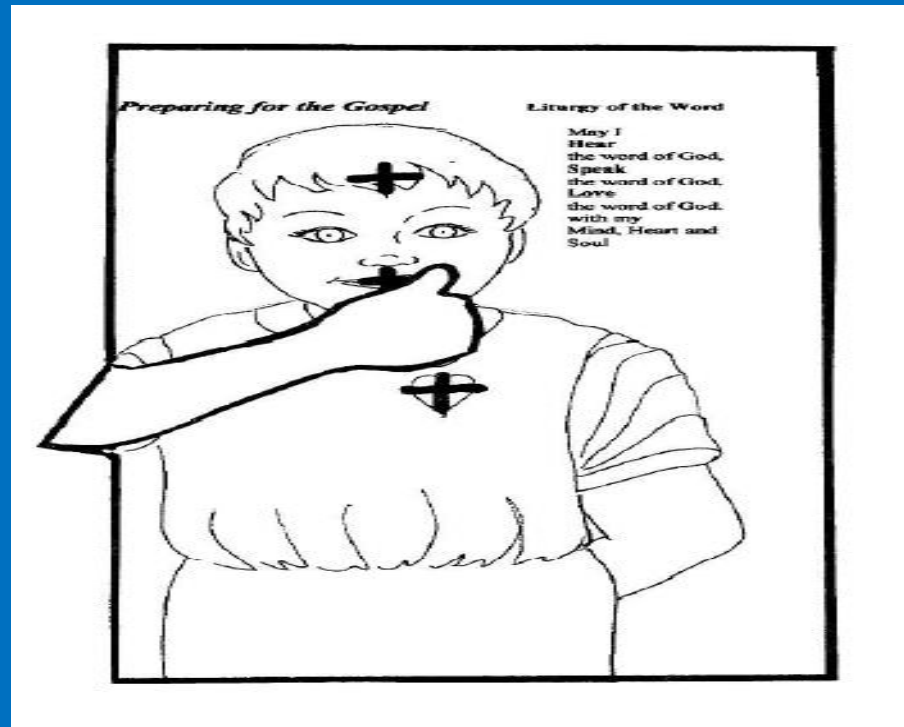
Share your word with us, O Lord.
Help us to listen.

The Lord be with you

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



Gospel- Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked, 'Which of God's commandments is the most important? Jesus answered, 'To love God with all your heart and all your mind and all your strength and to love others as much as you love yourself. These commandments come before all others!' The scribe said to Jesus, 'What you have said is true, because nothing is more important than loving God and loving our neighbours.'

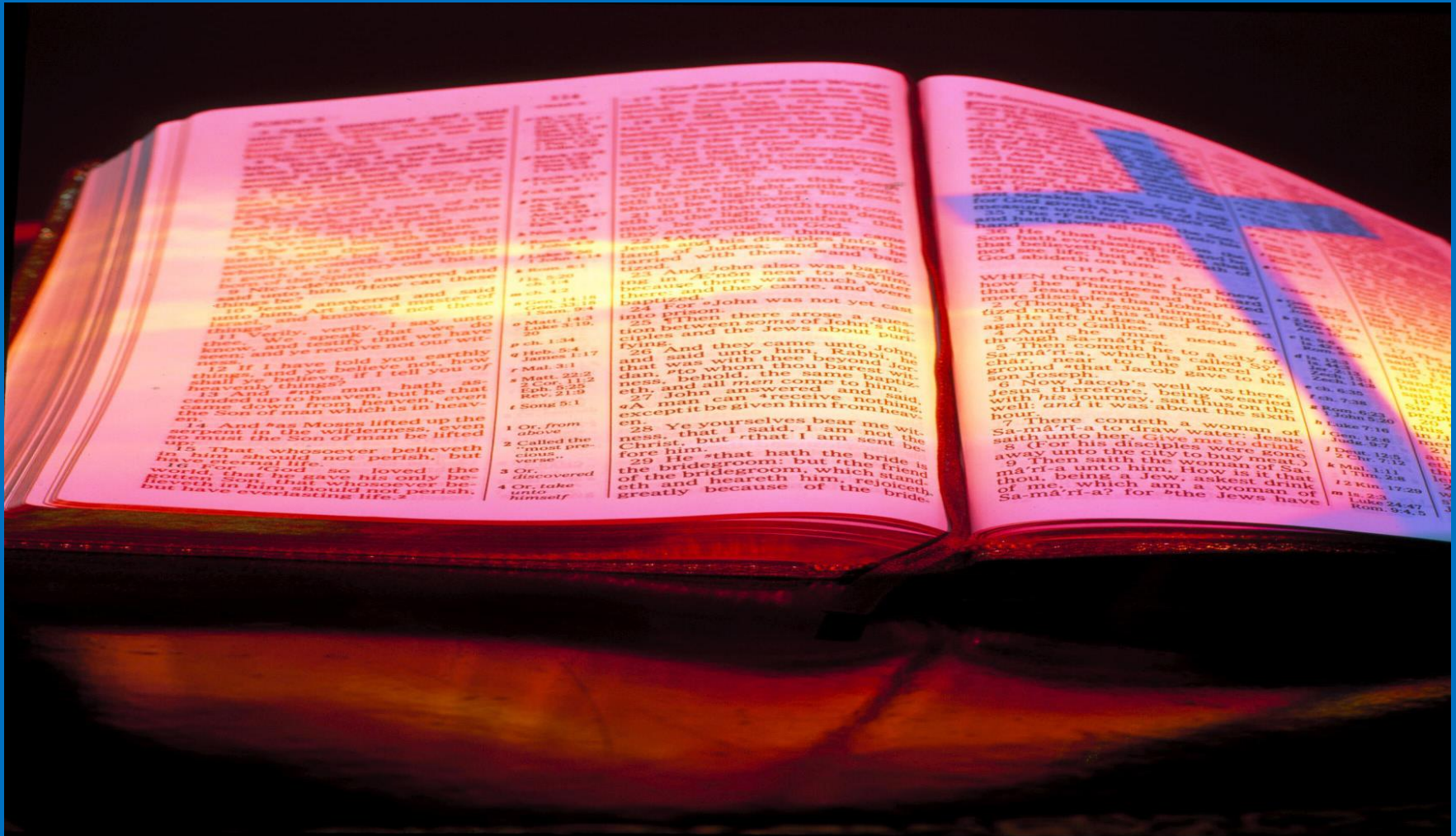
Seeing that the scribe was wise and good, Jesus said to him, 'My friend, what you have said will please God and keep you close to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Gospel –Mark 12:28-34



Response; Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection & Prayer



Reflection 1

- The most important commandments are to love God and to love our neighbours.
- When Jesus said your neighbours, he did not mean the person living next door, or people that you know. Every person we meet is our 'neighbour' and Jesus expects us to treat them in the same way as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Reflection 2

- The scribe who had asked Jesus the question was very curious to know what was most important to Jesus as many of the scribes paid more attention to the rules and regulations of the law, rather than the things which were truly important- Loving God and your neighbour

Reflection 3

- Jesus wants us to put our love for God and for other people before anything else in our lives. If we do this, it will be pleasing to God and we will stay close to his love as he leads us through life. At the end of time, the reward for our goodness will be to share everlasting life with him in heaven.

Reflection 4

- Jesus once said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' He showed his love by caring for everyone he met, spending time listening and talking to them: helping the sick: making the lonely feel welcome and loved: by forgiving and not judging others. Jesus has shown us many ways to put the two greatest commandments into action in our lives.
- Let us now take a few moments to reflect how we can show others these two commandments.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

You know each one of us and generously pour your
love into our lives.

Teach us not to be selfish or greedy, by returning
your love and sharing it willingly with everyone we
meet.

Amen