Good morning everyone!

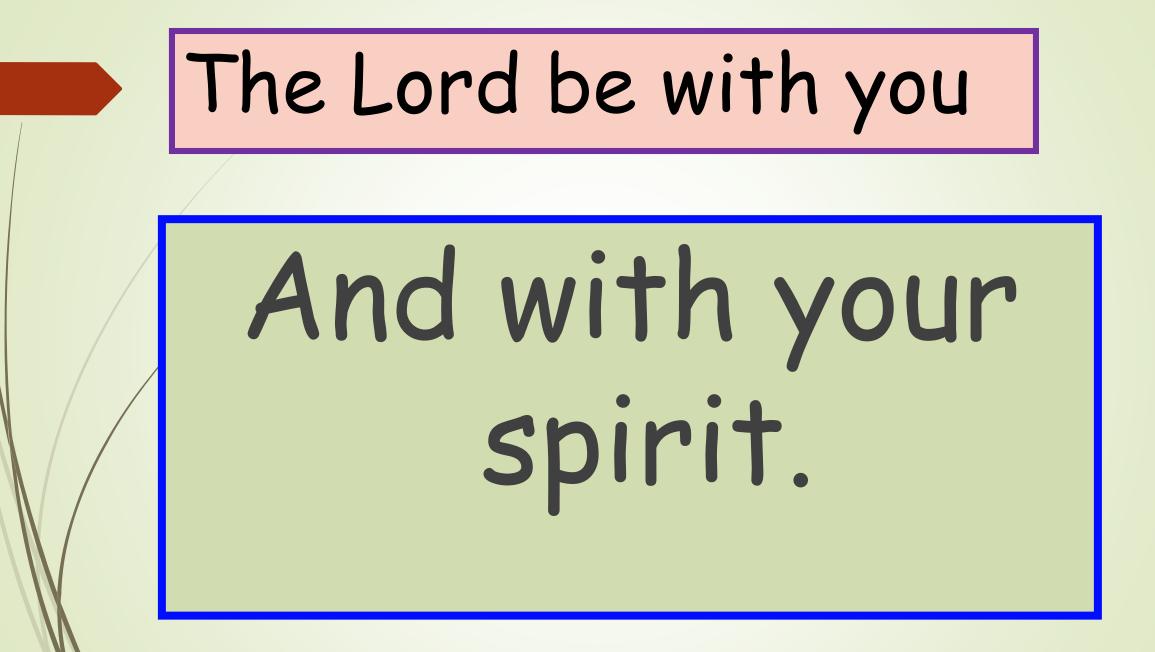
Let us start our worship this morning by each one of us making the sign of the cross.





The Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Welcome

Today Jesus asks us to love one another as he loves us.

He talks about the importance of looking out for our friends, and how we can all be friends of Jesus.

Let's think a bit more about our friends today.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

"I LOVE YOU JUST AS THE FATHER LOVES ME."

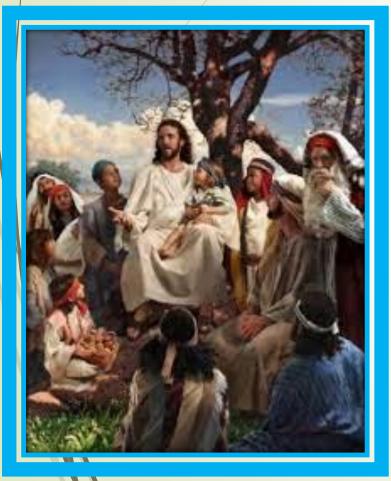
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I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you.

Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?



Jesus is telling us he loves us very much. How does it feel to know that Jesus loves each of us so much?

Jesus says he chose us all to be his friends, and we should love others in the same way as he loves us.

Who are your friends? Can you tell your partner the name of two of your friends?

What do you like about your friends?

Gospel reflection



Being a good friend.



Friends can make us happy and laugh. They help us when we find things difficult. They are kind and share with us.

Can you tell your partner something one of your friends has done to make you happy?

What do you do to help your friends up when they are sad or finding something difficult?

Gospel reflection

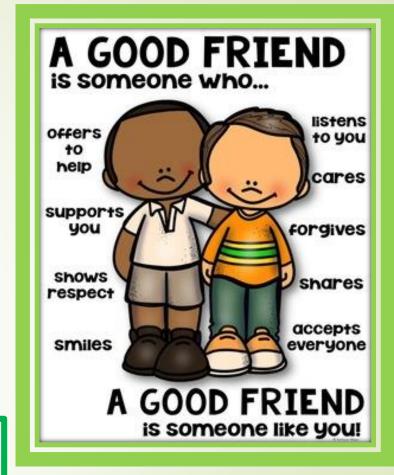
Jesus asks us today to love others as he has loved us.

How do you think we can do this?

How can we show love for children who live far away on the other side of the world?

How will you be a good friend this week to children in your class and around our school community?

And how will you follow Jesus' example of love for all people no matter where they are in the world?



Let us Pray

Dear Loving God,

God of joy, you loved us so much you sent your Son to us. Help us to love each other as you love us.



Amen.

THIS WEEK, I WANT YOU ALL TO BE GOOD FRIENDS TO CHILDREN IN YOUR CLASS AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.





