Good morning everyone!

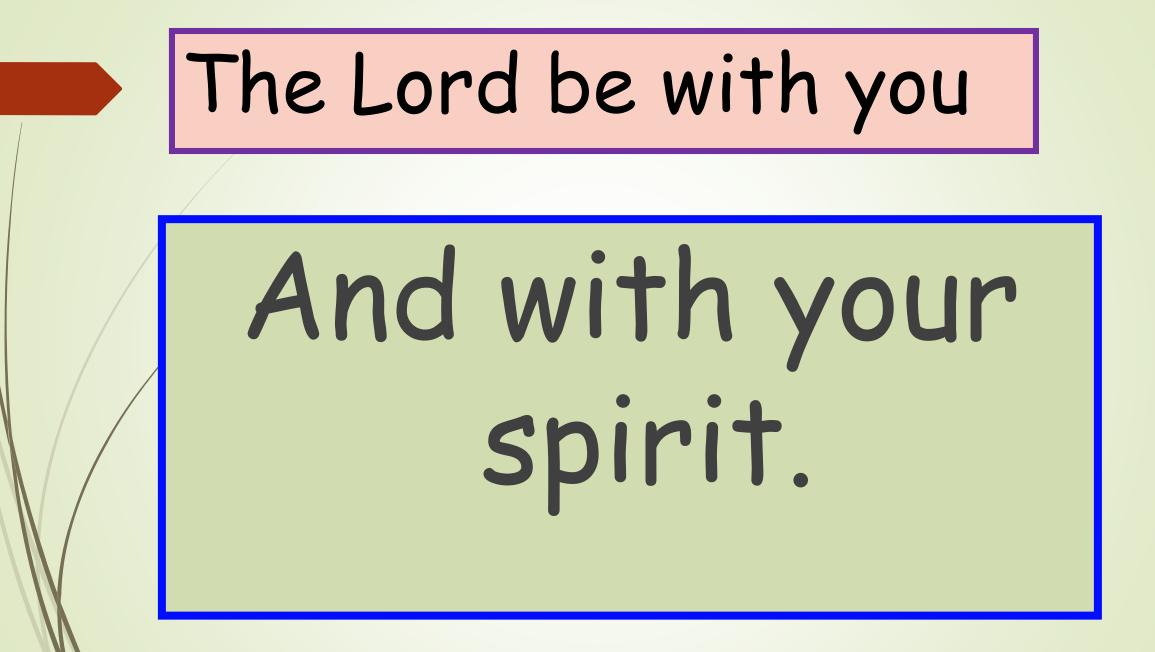
Let us start our worship this morning by each one of us making the sign of the cross.





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.

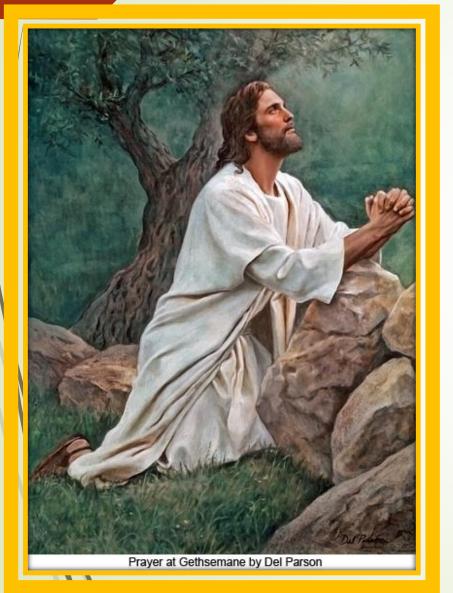
It is right and just.

Welcome

Today we hear how Jesus prayed for his disciples – asking God to protect them and to help them to follow his word.

Let us think a bit more about this means for us today.

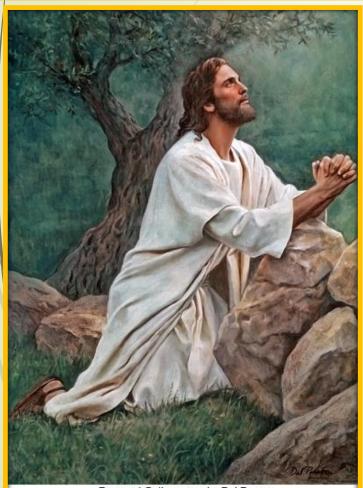
Gospel: John 17:11-19



And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost—so that the scripture might come true. And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness.

Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?



Prayer at Gethsemane by Del Parsor

In today's gospel Jesus is talking to God. He is praying.

Do you pray?

What do you pray for or about?

Jesus is asking God to help his friends – the disciples – when he is gone.

Jesus knows that it will be hard for them to be without him. So he wants God to keep them safe.



Gospel reflection

What job do you think Jesus wants his disciples to do?

Jesus wants his disciples to follow his teaching, to love everyone just like Jesus loves us, and to encourage others to do the same.

Do you think Jesus has a special job for us to do as his followers?

He wants us to share God's love with others – near or far away – and care for the lovely world he has given us.

Gospel reflection

We can share God's love by helping each other.

This also means taking care of our world so that everyone has the chance of a happy life.

For example, when we humans cut down forests, that is bad for all the people, animals and plants who live there.



Let us pray

Dear Loving God,

Watch over us, keep us from harm and help us to follow your word and go out into the world to share it with others through our actions.



Amen.

I WANT YOU ALL TO DO ONE THING THIS WEEK TO SHOW THAT YOU ARE DOING A SPECIAL JOB AS JESUS ASKS US, BY CARING FOR THE WORLD AROUND US.





