

Scripture Prayer For The Week

"Once...
when Jesus...
was praying alone..." Luke 9:18



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Easter Week 6 Yr A

We Gather: In the prayer space, have the bible opened at the Gospel reading. The white Easter candle is placed. A multi-coloured fabric could be flow from the candle to the ground.

Leader: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (light the Easter candle)
All: Sing to the glory of God's name.

Leader: Come and see the works of God
All: Tremendous God's deeds for all the people.

We Listen: The Gospel. John 14:15-21

Read the gospel passage reflectively. After a time of silent reflection, the line from scripture below could be repeated and the short commentary read.

"For those who love me....I will love them and reveal myself to them." John 14: 21

Commentary: The next verse of this Gospel chapter is not in the Sunday's reading. It is a question from a disciple, "How is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" The theme of the world versus the disciples, one not recognising Jesus, and not receiving the Spirit and one recognising Jesus and being Spirit infused, can be confusing. Is it that people who are not disciples are unable to have that connection with God- "make our home in them"? Is it that humankind in general (those not of the Church) cannot receive the Spirit of truth? Perhaps we need to re-define "the world". The world is the **condition** of those who are not open to goodness, compassion and justice. On the other hand, those who are attracted to love and the Spirit of truth and who strive for this are "not of the world" even though they may not specifically know Christ. Caught up in the things of the world (ego, pride, greed, indifference) even disciples can miss the daily revealing of love of God for creation. For us blessed with the Word, there is no excuse!

In silence, reflect on these ideas. Think of the multi-colours of all God's world this week.

This gospel inspires me to believe that God is dwelling in all creation, in all people.
We can choose what we want "to be revealed" to us.
The God who makes a home within me is

Song: Christ in me Arise (T Thompson-Spirit & Song) or Create in Us (D Nannah-AOV2)

We Go Forth:

God, you outpoured into all humankind, the breath of the divine Spirit. May we treasure all people as dwelling places of your Being. Reveal to us more fully, your plan for justice so that we may keep your commandments with integrity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Come and hear all who fear God.... Alleluia! Alleluia!
All: Let us tell what God has done for our souls... Alleluia! Alleluia!