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WB 21st September Collective Worship

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another*
1 John 1:7



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In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**WE
GATHER**



INTERNATIONAL
**DAY OF
PEACE**
21ST SEPTEMBER

Peace

Today is the international day of peace, Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but the presence of love, understanding and respect.



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matthew 5:9)

Lord, send us the gift of peace
Watch over the people of *[insert country here]*
who have been forced to flee their homes
and face violence and fear.

Lord, send us the gift of peace

Lead them to a place of safety,
comfort those who grieve
and bring healing to those in pain.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Convert the hearts of those
who commit violence and wage war.
Turn them away from persecution
towards peace.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Turn hatred to understanding,
and anger to compassion.
Through your love, transform horror into
hope.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

And fill us all with your Spirit
so that with one voice, throughout the world,
we may cry out:

Lord, send us the gift of peace

Mary, Queen of Peace, **pray for us...**

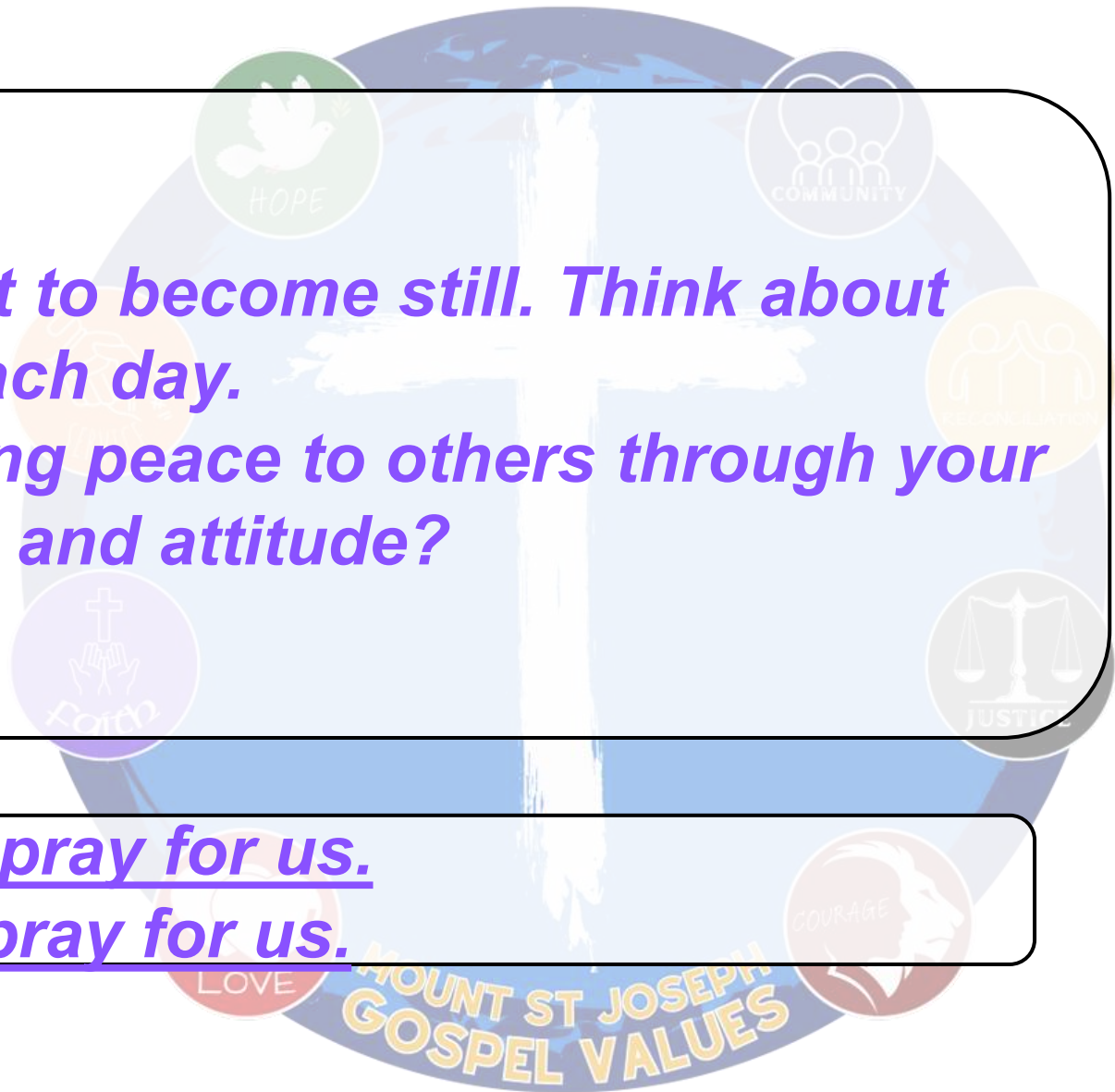
Catherine Gorn





*Take a moment to become still. Think about how you act each day.
Are you bringing peace to others through your words, actions and attitude?*

St Joseph, pray for us.
St Teresa, pray for us.



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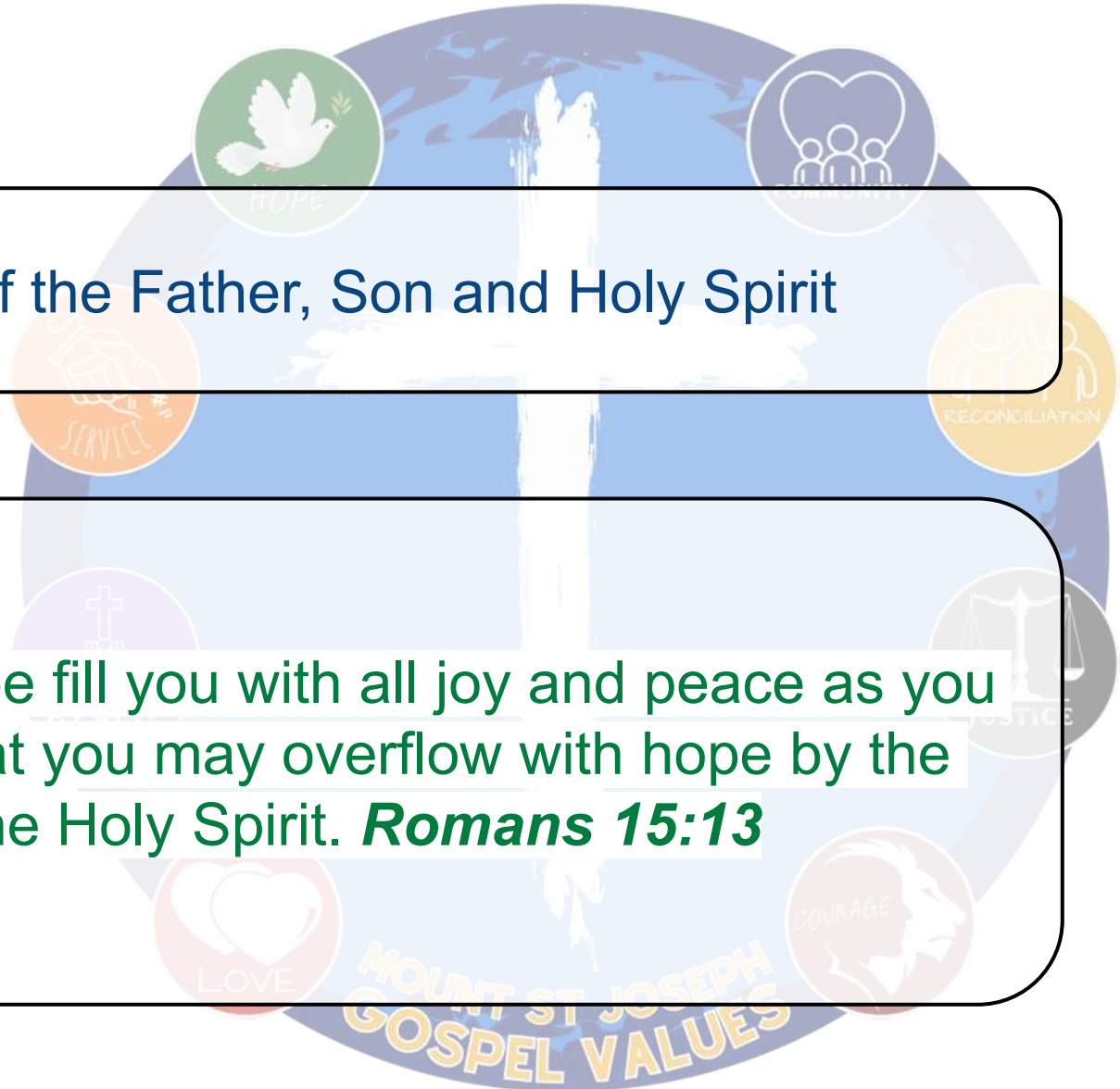


**WE
LISTEN**



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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Romans 15:13***





Where do you want to see peace, spend a moment in quiet and add write your prayer on your paper, when you feel ready, add it to your sacred space.

Are you hoping for peace in:

Your home

Someone you know

Your family

Your community

The world



What actions can we take to bring peace to those we meet?

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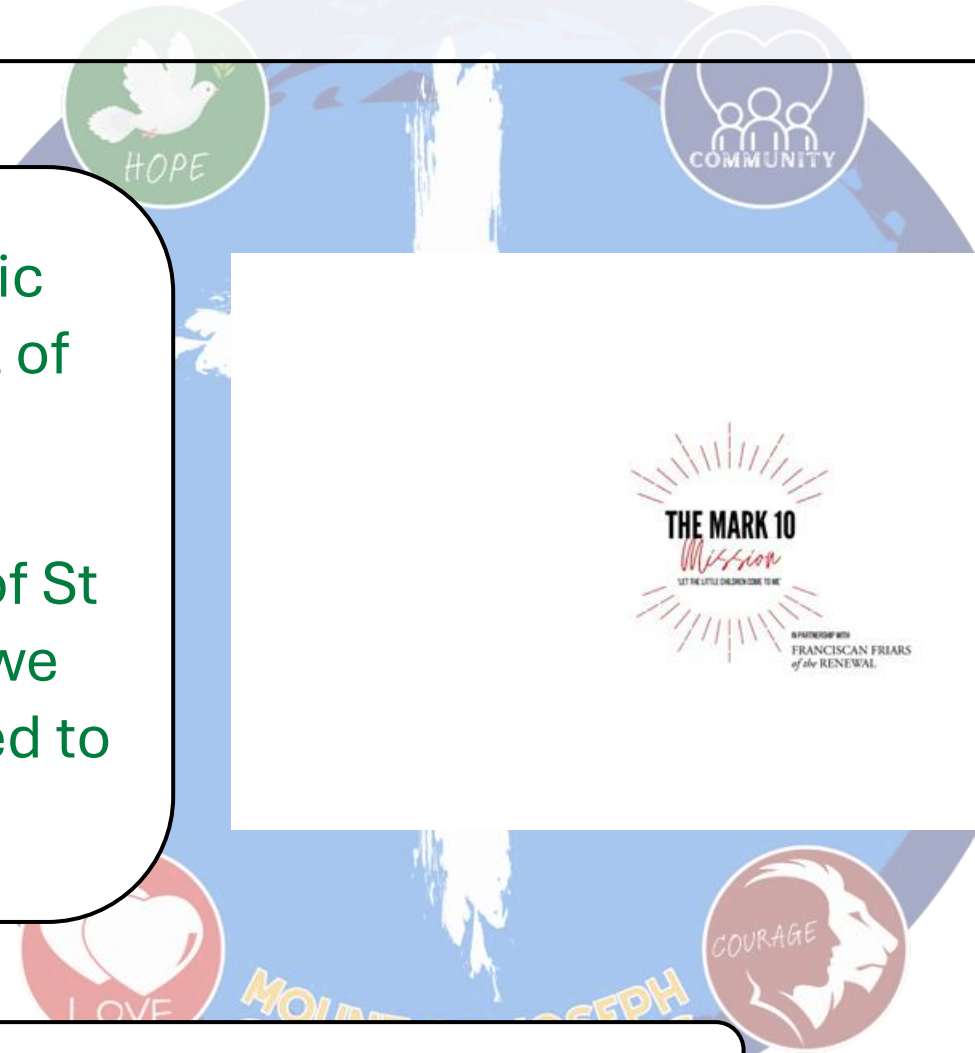
Listen to this piece of music
called “Make Me a Channel of
Your Peace”



As we celebrate the jubilee of St
Francis of Assisi this year, we
reflect on the words attributed to
him in this song.



Are we channels of peace?



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BE STILL

In our worship this morning we spend time in sacred silence, offering our thoughts to God, being still and knowing that he is God

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Do you begrudge
my generosity?





Gospel : Matthew 20:1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too." 'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?". So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Perhaps it does seem unfair that the worker who only laboured an hour should get the same as those who've worked all day. But thankfully God does not see things as we might. God's love is huge and even goes beyond what we might see as justice. The owner of the vineyard knows the workers need their wages to feed their families and compassionately makes sure they all have enough.

As we marked International Day of Peace on 21 September, we recognise that the pettiness of the vineyard workers is often how conflict escalates. People believe they have to fight for what they are owed, can't back down and resort to increasing violence. Maybe we do this too? Imagine how generous love might help to bring peace to the world. Imagine how generous love might bring peace in our own lives.

**WE
RESPOND**





Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is error, the truth;
where there is doubt, the faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi

