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WB 23rd February 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



Events this week



Last week we began the season of Lent, a time of prayer, almsgiving and fasting

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As we gather today, we replace our green cloth for purples as we are in the season of Lent.



What is repentance?

Why is it important?



GOSPEL VALUES



But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin

1 John 1:7

LORD, make me a better person, more considerate to others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you.

Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be.

Help me to find my true vocation in life, and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. Amen

St Joseph – Pray for us

St Teresa – Pray for us

How can we be better this week?



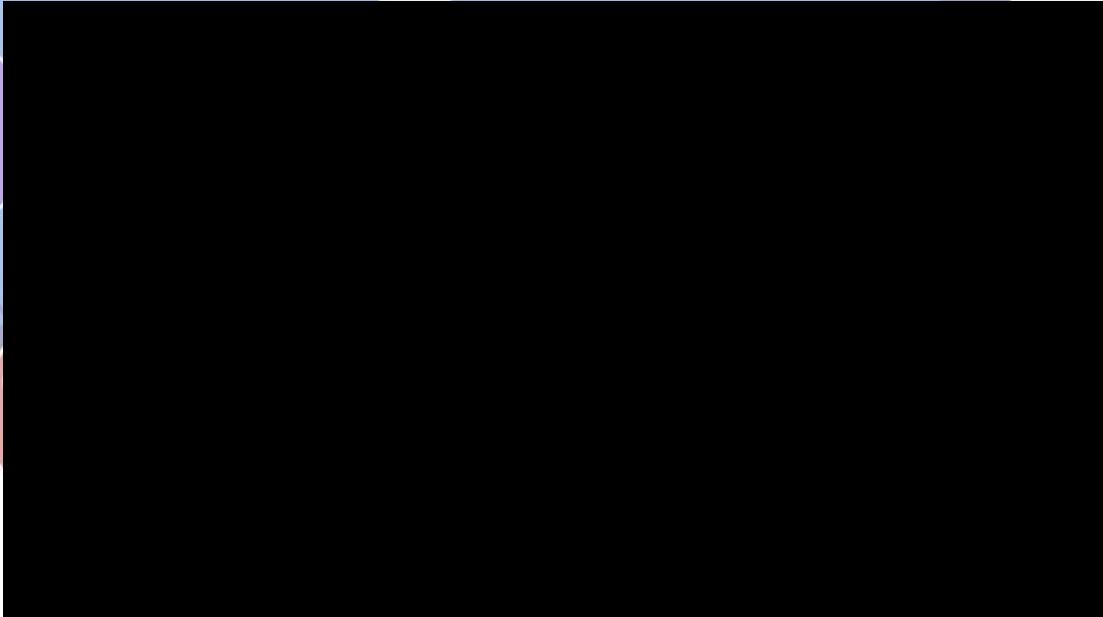
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



“You remind me that I’m a child of God, regardless of the things I’ve done.”
Reflect on the words of the song, thinking about forgiveness and repentance



How can we continue to make a fresh start?



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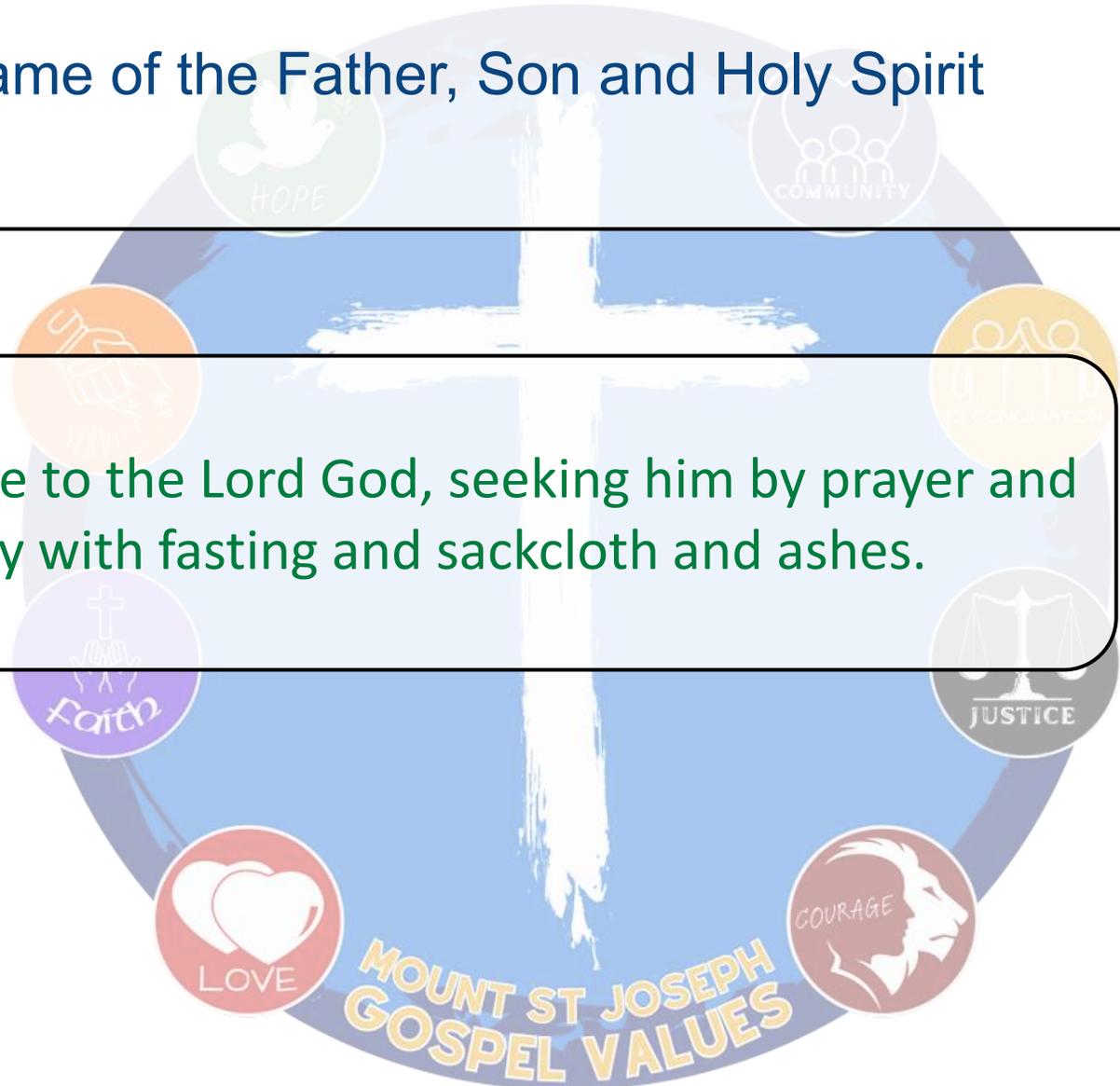


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Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.





Thank you, Lord, that you love us and hear us when we pray
We are sorry for things we have done that have hurt you and others.

We have not helped others as Jesus helped us

Lord, we are sorry

We have been jealous of others

Lord, we are sorry

We have told lies

Lord, we are sorry

We have forgotten to pray

Lord, we are sorry



Hear us and help us, Lord

Work through us so that we can share your goodness and love in
the world

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**WE
LISTEN**



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



**MOUNT ST JOSEPH
GOSPEL VALUES**



[Stillness Script – Click here](#)

BE

STILL

Spend a couple of minutes in silent reflection, thinking about our lives and where we can make positive changes



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



Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.



Gospel: Matthew 5:17–37

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Then the Devil came to him and said, “If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread.” But Jesus answered, “The scripture says, ‘Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.’”

Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, “If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says, ‘God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.’” Jesus answered, “But the scripture also says, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. “All this I will give you,” the Devil said, “if you kneel down and worship me.”

Then Jesus answered, “Go away, Satan! The scripture says, ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!’”

Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

(Good News)



Thinking about the Gospel and this week's theme

After his baptism, Jesus is led by the Spirit to the wilderness. Here we see the Lenten themes of fasting, penance and reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters. Jesus is entering a time of reflection about his life. How is he going to live out the life God the Father is calling to? What sort of leader will he be?

For the Jewish people listening to this story, Jesus going into the wilderness will remind them of the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert after their escape from slavery. They spent 40 years learning how to be God's people before reaching the Promised Land. The wilderness is always a time of growth and change – and growth is not always easy! The Israelites were challenged, and Jesus will be too. Jesus will be in the wilderness for forty days, not forty years, but the link is unmistakable.

It is interesting to see that all Jesus' temptations seem to be good things. What could be wrong with eating, proving that he is God or gaining followers? Few people choose to do something bad knowing it is the wrong thing. It is hard for us to know what is right – and it was hard for Jesus too. If Jesus has to think this much about the choices he makes, maybe we shouldn't be worried if we need time to reflect before we make decisions too.

Matthew shows, by quoting from the Old Testament, how Jesus is the saviour promised by God. He shows us that material things will not give us real happiness and that we need to trust God. We may not always understand how God works, but just as God sent the angels to look after Jesus, we know that God will look after us.



God,
Help us to understand that following You
is not only about what we do,
but about the kind of people we are becoming.
Give us hearts that seek peace, not anger;
forgiveness, not resentment;
honesty, not empty words.

Teach us to respect one another
in our thoughts, our actions, and our relationships,
and to treat every person with dignity and care.
When we fail, Lord,
give us the courage to say sorry,
the humility to forgive,
and the strength to begin again.

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

