

Fellowship of Love



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Monday



Prayer Leader:

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

Amen

This week the Church celebrated 'Trinity Sunday', The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

It's a time to remember something really amazing about God — that God is **three persons who love each other**.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are a fellowship of love — forever loving and serving each other — and God wants us to live in loving fellowship too.

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Today we will think about **rejoicing together**.

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2 Corinthians 13:11-14



Prayer Leader:

St Paul wrote many letters of encouragement to people who were new to the Church, and in our Scripture today, we hear how he helped the Church in Corinth to understand what living in love and fellowship really means.

We’re going to pray with the Scriptures now — allowing God to speak to us and show us what He wants us to see through His Word. This way of praying is called Lectio Divina, which means divine reading.

Let’s get ready to spend time with God.

Be still. Relax your body and try to clear your mind of any distractions....

As you listen to the Gospel, you might want to follow the text on screen.

Notice any words or phrases that stand out for you.

(Invite the Reader to read the Scripture from the screen.)

(After the reading)

Prayer Leader:

Let’s think for a moment:

I wonder how this letter made the people of Corinth feel, all those years ago...

- Happy to hear from their friend Paul?
- Encouraged and eager to live in the Christian way of love and fellowship?

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Prayer Leader:

Let's listen to the Gospel again. Allow God to speak to you through His Word.

(Invite the Reader to read the Scripture again.)

(After the reading)

Prayer Leader:

As you listened a second time, did you notice the word 'rejoice'? St Paul is saying that followers of Jesus should rejoice and be happy with each other.

- I wonder how this makes you feel.
- What pictures or ideas came into your mind?

Tell your talk partner about what you noticed.

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Prayer Leader:

Let's listen to the Gospel one more time.

What is God showing you through His Word?

You might want to concentrate on the word 'rejoice', and think more about what it means to be happy and wish happiness for others.

(Invite the Reader to read the Scripture again.)

(After the reading)

Prayer Leader:

Now spend a few moments asking for the Holy Spirit to help you see clearly the things that God is showing you.



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Prayer Leader:

Rejoicing is celebrating, especially when good things happen, not just for ourselves — we can rejoice in the things that bring happiness to others.

How can you share God's love in fellowship by rejoicing in others today?

Think about someone at home, school, or in our parish who you want good things for today.

You can wish them happiness by:

- Asking God to bless them
- Asking them about their day and celebrating with them the good things that happened
- Doing something that will bring them happiness, perhaps giving them a hug, listening to them or playing with them

Let's finish by praying for ourselves and each other in the words of St Paul.

All:

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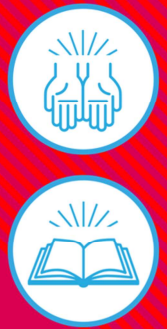


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Tuesday



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Amen**

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Each day we are using the words of St Paul in the Scriptures to reflect on how we can share God's love in fellowship with each other.

Yesterday we reflected on rejoicing together.
Today we will think about **growing in love for each other.**

First, let's listen to St Paul's words in the Scriptures:

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Prayer Leader:

St Paul encourages us to be friends with one another.

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Grow in love for each other



Prayer Leader:

Being friends takes effort and practice.

St Paul isn't only talking about having a best friend or just being friends with people who like the same things as you — it's about growing in love and getting along with everyone.

We're going to pray using actions.

Let's learn the signs for '**grow in love for each other**'.

(Click to play the video and practise the signs.)



Prayer Leader:

Let's pray now, as we invite the fellowship of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Listen to the reflections and respond together with the signs for '**grow in love for each other**'.

(Invite a Reader to read the prayer reflection.)

Reader:

Father, you created us to love and to be loved.

All: Help us to grow in love for each other.

Reader:

Jesus, you show us how to love and see good in everyone.

All: Help us to grow in love for each other.

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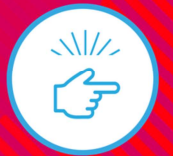
Holy Spirit, you inspire us to reach out to others in loving friendship.

All: Help us to grow in love for each other.

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Prayer Leader:

We grow in love when we do our best to be friends with everyone — and when at times that is tricky, and we fall out, we can try again!

How can you share God’s love in fellowship by being friends with others today?

Think about a friend or family member who you sometimes find it hard to get along with.

You can be friends today by:

- Asking them to spend time with you
- Listening to them
- Saying sorry for times you may have upset them

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Today we will think about **helping each other**.

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Prayer Leader:

St Paul encourages us to look after each other and help each other.

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(Music plays automatically.)

Prayer Leader:

We're going to pray by contemplating or reflecting on times when we have been helped by others.

Let's get ourselves ready by becoming quiet and still in our bodies, and listening to the music.

You might like to close your eyes or focus on the image on screen.

Place your hands comfortably in your lap with your palms up as if you are receiving a gift.

Now think of a time when someone helped you.

Perhaps it was someone at school — an adult in your classroom or perhaps a friend on the playground.

You might be thinking of someone who has helped you at home — a brother, sister, parent or carer.

Think about how the person helped you.

(Pause)

Can you remember how it felt to be noticed and helped?

(Pause)

You might want to say a prayer in your heart now to thank God for that person.

(Pause)

Now think about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. They are always together, noticing each other and looking after each other in their fellowship of love.

Take a moment to ask God the Holy Spirit to fill you with love and guide you to help others today.

(Pause)

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Prayer Leader:

One important way of helping each other is noticing what others need.

How can you share God's love in fellowship by helping others today?

Try to keep an eye out for someone at school or in our parish community who needs help.

Maybe you could notice:

- Someone who is feeling sad, and make them laugh
- Someone on their own, and ask them to play

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Prayer Leader:

St Paul encourages us to live happily and peacefully with each other.

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Imagine how it feels to live in peace with one another...

Is there something stopping you from being peaceful?

How would you like God to help you?

Prayer Leader:

Living peacefully together isn't always easy. Sometimes we make mistakes and hurt each others' feelings — not always on purpose — we can hurt each other by just not thinking and by putting ourselves first.

Living in peace can mean healing the hurt by saying sorry for not showing love to others, and forgiving others for not showing love to us.

We're going to pray today through journalling — that means writing or drawing, to help us to share our feelings with God and remember what He says to us in response.

Let's spend some personal prayer time with God now, listening to the music and journalling your thoughts, feelings and prayers with these prompts:

(Click to reveal prompts.)

- Imagine how it feels to live in peace with one another...
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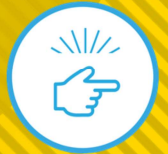
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Prayer Leader:

God always forgives us and He wants us to be forgiving too — that's how we can live happily and peacefully together.

God wants us to build loving, peaceful communities, with our family and friends, and in our school and parish.

How can you share God's love in fellowship by living peacefully today?

Maybe you could:

- Forgive someone who has hurt you
- Say sorry to someone you have hurt

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