

Year C - 5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-33, 34-35

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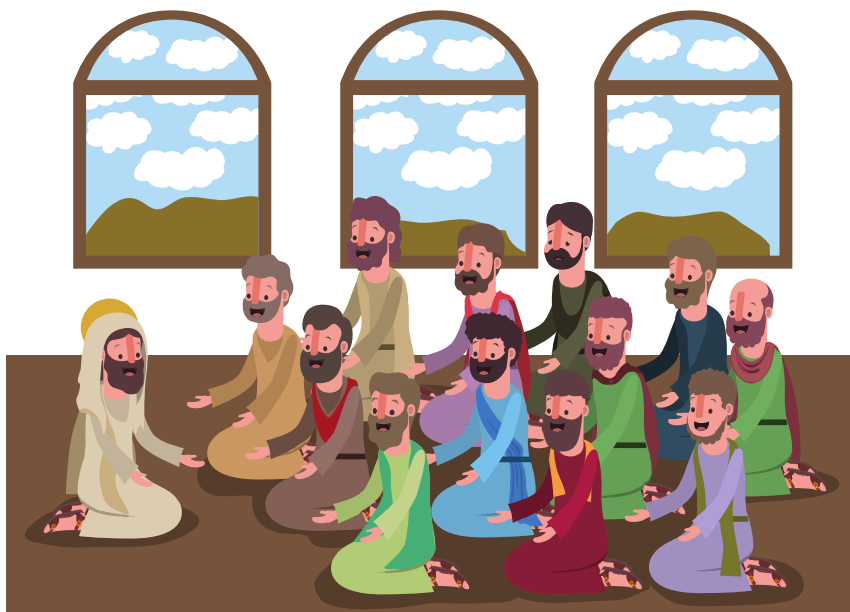


After Judas had gone, Jesus said:

Now the Son of Man will be given glory, and he will bring glory to God. Then, after God is given glory because of him, God will bring glory to him, and God will do it very soon.

My children, I will be with you for only a little while longer. Then you will look for me, but you won't find me. I tell you just as I told the people, "You cannot go where I am going."

But I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you. If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples.



**This week is also Laudato Si' week, scroll down to page 3 see the message with the Laudato Si focus.*

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Introduction

- In today's gospel, Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment, to love one another.
- Love will be one of the ways that others will know that they are disciples, followers of Jesus. Why? Because Jesus that's what Jesus did, he loved others.

Message

- Jesus loved others in many ways. His love was one of the most important things about his ministry, and his death and resurrection.
- When someone chooses to be a 'disciple' it means that they choose to follow the example of Jesus, to do what he did and to live the way he taught.
- When others see the way the disciple lives and loves, they should be able to recognise that they are following Jesus example.

Discussion

- How did Jesus show love for others?
- How was Jesus' loving words and actions different from the words and actions of others? What made his love so noticeable?
- What are some of the ways that we can love like Jesus loved... in our family, our school, with our friends etc?
- Who are some of the people you know, who are disciples of Jesus? How can you tell that they are disciples of Jesus?





Celebrating Laudato Si' Week

Introduction

Ten years ago, Pope Francis wrote a letter, called Laudato Si', to all people saying that God's love is shown through his gift of creation and it is our responsibility to care for this gift. He also explained how when people damage the earth, it is often the poorest people who suffer the most and so by caring for the earth, we are getting closer to God and looking out for each other. Caring for creation and caring for each other are interconnected and both need action so that we show respect and love for God.

Message

- In this Gospel Jesus gives us his new commandment
- A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- Caring for each other and for the earth is showing God's love.
- This week is Laudato Si' Week to celebrate this important letter from Pope Francis. As Catholics we celebrate this week every year and this year the theme is "Raising Hope."

Discussion



- How did Jesus show love for others?
- What does it mean to hope?
- How was Jesus' loving words and actions different from the words and actions of others? What made his love so noticeable?
- What are some ways you can care for the environment?
- What are some ways you can care for others?
- How can we care for others in our world?