

15th Week of Ordinary Time

Celebration of the Word

To sing a song of hope,
hope for all the world;
to bring the grace of jubilee alive!

OnLife Music - Song of Hope



WE GATHER

*In the name of the
Father, and of the
Son and of the Holy
Spírit.*

AMEN



WE GATHER

VISIO DIVINA

(DIVINE SEEING)

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- What can you see?

- How does this image make you feel?

- What do you like about this image?



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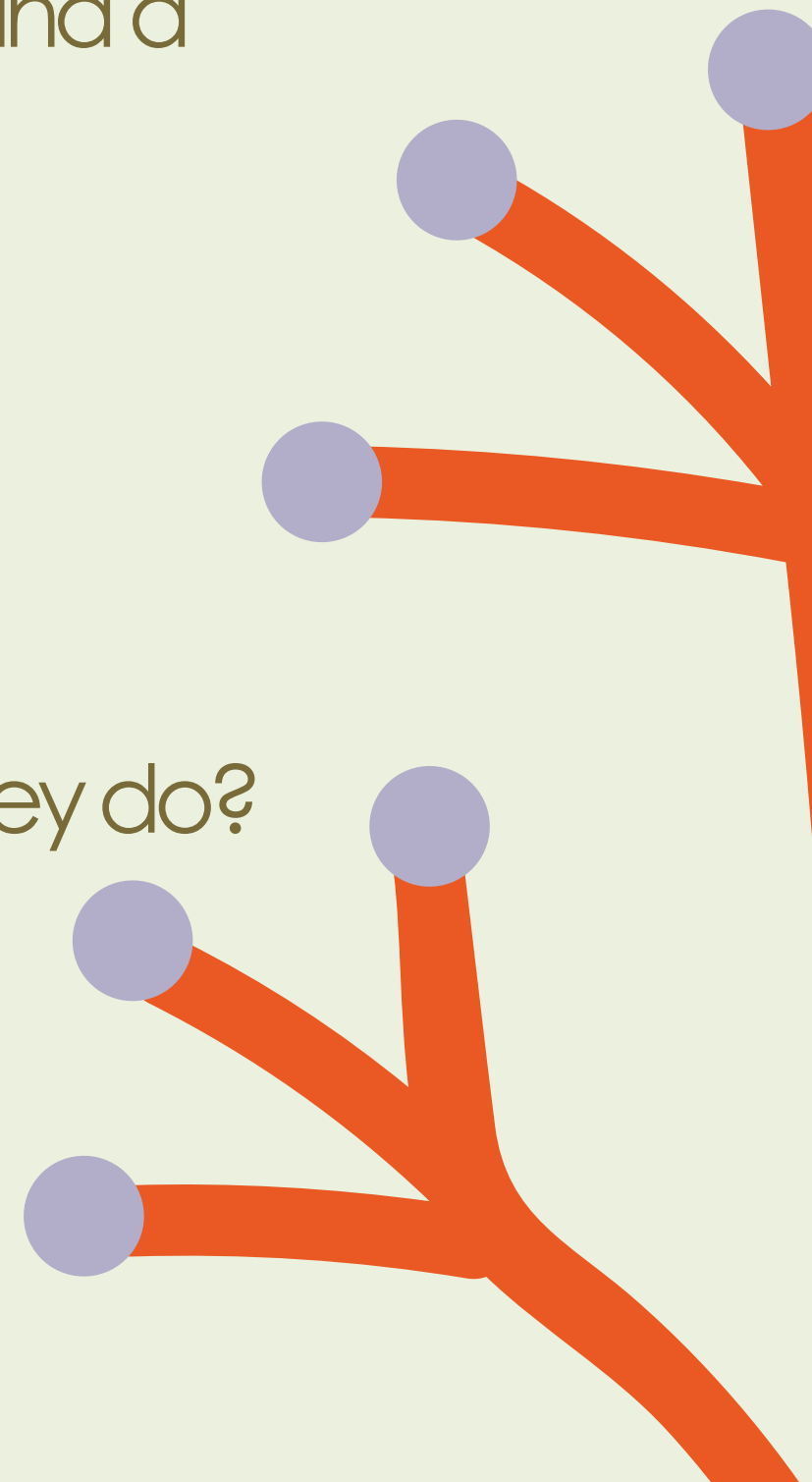
Today we hear the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

In it we meet a priest, a Levite who works in the temple and a Samaritan, an enemy of the people of Israel.

The question is “Who is my neighbour?”

I wonder why the different people in the parable act as they do?

I wonder where you are in this parable?



WE WELCOME
THE WORD OF GOD

Alleluia, Alleluia

If you make my word
your home,

you will indeed be my disciples,
and you will learn the truth
says the Lord.

Alleluia

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"



And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.”

And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”



Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

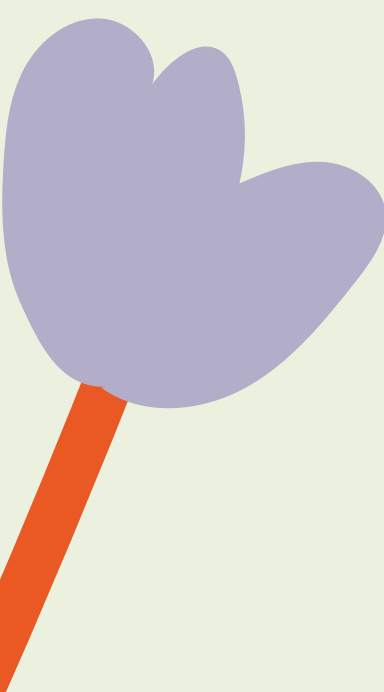


REFLECT

Close your eyes and see Jesus
standing before you.

What is Jesus saying to you
through the Gospel?

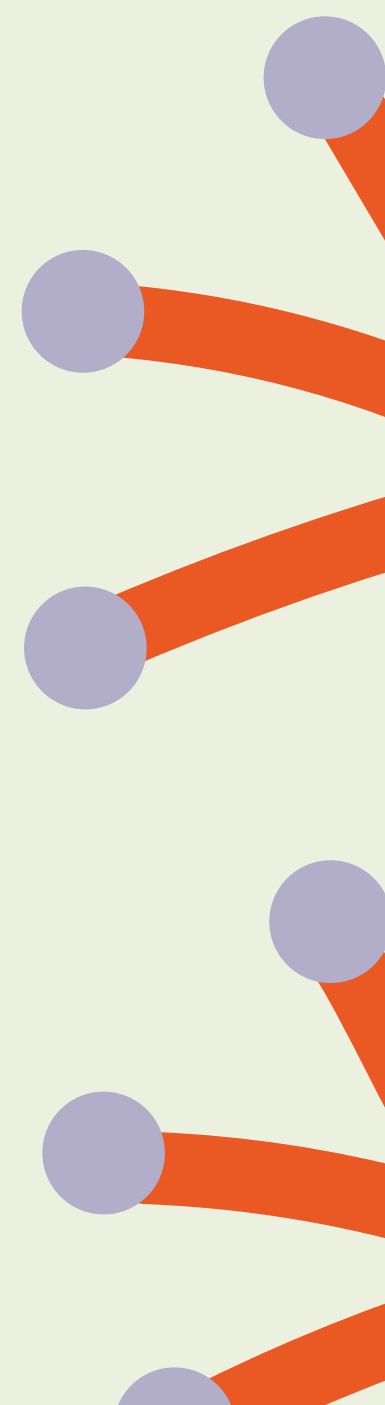




The central question “Who is my neighbour?” remains as live today as it was in the time of Jesus. It is a question relevant to conversations about immigration, cuts to international aid and how we treat others, especially those who are different to us.

Jesus' choice of a Samaritan, despite the animosity that existed between them and the Jewish people, to illustrate true neighbourly love is striking. It shatters the notion that our neighbour is merely someone nearby, or someone who shares our culture, nation, or faith. Instead, it unequivocally declares that our neighbour is anyone and everyone in need.

Reflecting on this parable, Pope Leo XIV asks, “when will we too be capable of interrupting our journey and having compassion?” Let’s pray for the grace to be good neighbours to all our sisters and brothers, as we seek to “go and do likewise.”



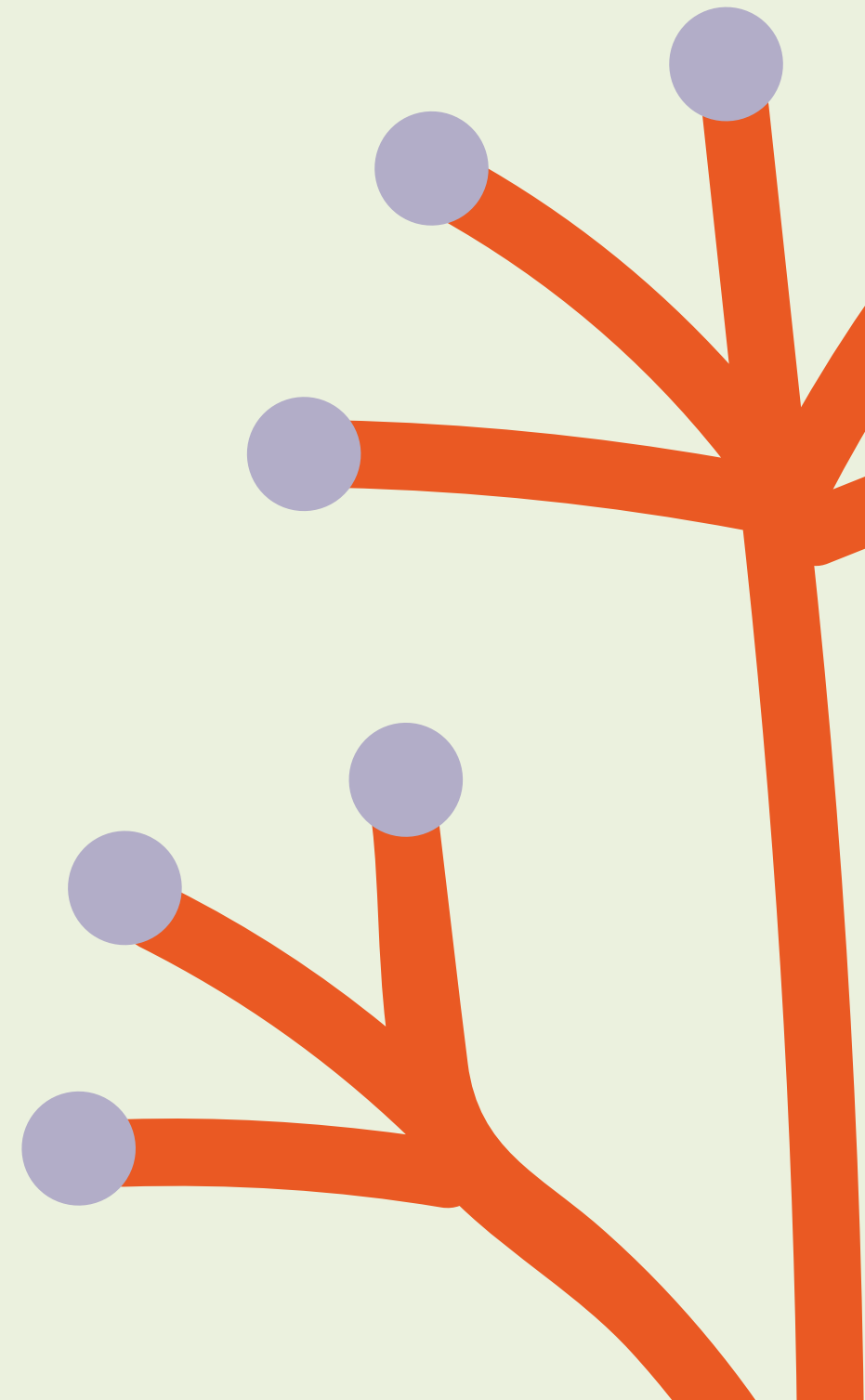
LET US PRAY

Gentle God,

*fill us with compassion
so we may imitate your love
caring for our neighbours,
both near and far.*

Amen.

St Augustine, *pray for us*
St Cuthbert, *pray for us*



WE GO FORTH

*How can we share
the Good News of the
Gospel as we go
forth?*



How does this Gospel message help us put our CST theme of Solidarity into practice?

Who is my neighbour?

How can I show other people that I may never meet that I care for them as a good neighbour?



WE CLOSE OUR TIME OF PRAYER
TOGETHER BY MAKING THE SIGN
OF THE CROSS

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

AMEN

