

The Kerygma Experience

Leader's Script



1. God is love and has created me for relationship with Him

Reader:

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (1:26-28)

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Reflection Leader:

Remember the day when you when you were flooded with happiness.... the day you graduated, the day you got your first job, the day when you fell in love, the day you got married, the day you held your first child.....Remember the day.....(pause).....the day you realized that none of this was enough. The day that you realized that you wanted more. More from life.

We are made to love and be loved. (CCC 355). We hunger for acceptance, we hunger for genuine relationship, we hunger for a love that is eternal.

This desire for God is written into each of our hearts. Only in God do we find the love and happiness that we are all searching for.

Our hearts are restless until they rest in you O God. (CCC 27)

Reflection Leader:

As you listen to the following song, in the silence of your heart reflect upon this truth:

“God is love, God loves me unconditionally, I am His beloved child”.

Reflect upon the questions in your reflection journal and make a note of any thoughts that come to you at this time.

Reader: Let us pray together in the words of the Father who loves us : Our Father



2. I have broken my relationship with God by my sin.

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of John (John 1:7-9)

“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, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

Reflection Leader:

Relationships are damaged because of lies, broken promises and betrayal. When you are in a relationship with someone and you continuously hurt them, your relationship becomes broken. Refusing to admit any wrong doing and refusing to apologize can break relationships, seemingly beyond repair.

Our relationship with God is broken because of sin. A sin is any choice that goes against God’s love. Sin is how we say “no” to God.

Many times through our actions, we have turned from God and refused to admit our failures and wrong doing. We hurt ourselves, hurt those we love and damage our relationship with God.

And yet, God sent his Son, Jesus Christ into the world to give back to you, to us, an even more beautiful life. An eternal life. (Adapted from Address-St. John Paul II (Be the People of the Beatitudes, July 25, 2002).

God asks you to trust Him and to turn from sin. Turn from all the patterns in your life that are destructive and are hurting you. What are you waiting for? (pause)

Reflection Leader:

As you watch the video reflection “Fallen Plates” consider your patterns of deep attachment to cramped and self-centered choices.

(Fallen Plates video shown)

Reflection Leader: As we listen to the following song journal your thoughts and reflect upon the question-

What is the one thing that you want to let go of in order to be truly happy?.

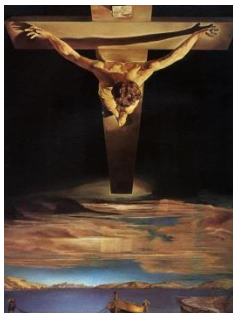
(Song Played)

Reflection Leader: Let us spend a moment in silence so that we can gaze upon this image of Our Father who is waiting for you, his prodigal and beloved son and daughter to come home.

Reader: Together- Let us confess our failures, our sins and our sorrow to God and to each other.

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Amen.



3. Jesus restores my relationship with God through his life, death, resurrection

Reader: A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (15:1-14)

Now, brothers and sisters,

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures....But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

Reflection Leader:

Broken, beaten, spit upon, despised, taunted, battered, whipped, tortured, mocked, crucified. Died. Buried and Rose Again. All to bring you to new life.

Jesus died so that you may live. He wants your whole heart. Not just a small piece but all of you. He loves you and wants to be in an intimate and close relationship with you.

As you listen to the following song place yourself at the scene of Christ's death. What are you seeing? What are you hearing? Who is standing beside you? What are you feeling watching Jesus die in front of you?

(Song- "Were you there" is played)

Reflection Leader:

If you are comfortable, using the colored piece of paper write your response to this question: What difference has Jesus made to my life?

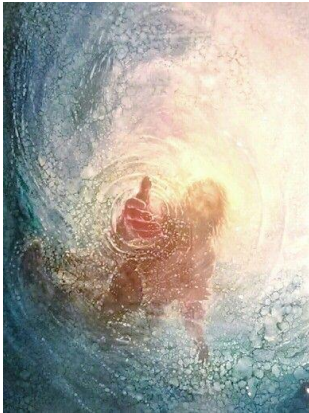
You do not need to write your name. Some of these notes will then be typed up, shared at the end of our time together today and then left in our chapel at the Diocese.

(instrumental music played)

Reader: Together let us pray The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



4. Jesus invites me to trust him, to turn from sin and to give my life to Him.

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 14:22-31)

Jesus had the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. The boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

Reflection Leader:

More books have been written about Jesus than any other figure in history. Two thousand years on, the world is still intrigued by Him. What have you heard people say about who Jesus is? Good guy? Prophet? Teacher? God? Regardless of what other people say about Jesus, go right to the source. What did Jesus say about himself? He tells "I am the Savior". I am your Savior.

Imagine one day, that while you are out walking that you stumble into quicksand and start sinking. At first you try and pull yourself out but the more you struggle to free yourself, the quicker and deeper you sink. You begin panicking and look around searching for someone to help you. What do you need right at that moment? You certainly don't need a teacher or philosopher to talk you through your situation. You need someone to pull you out. You need a Savior! God's answer to your struggle is Jesus Christ. Jesus as our Lord and Savior intervenes for each one of us to save us from the quicksand of our life we call sin. He died for you, rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven for you. He wants you to give your entire life to Him. (Adapted from Bishop Barron homily)

Pause

(watch video “How he Loves”

(Following the video- display image again)

Reflection Leader:

As you listen to the following song- consider handing your entire life over to Jesus- give him your family, your finances, your calendar, your friends, your desire for happiness, to be married, to be healed, to be perfect, to be whole....give it all to Jesus.

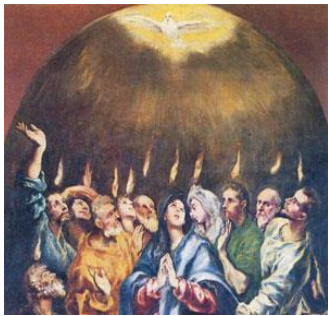
Reader: Let us pray together the **Suscipe-St Ignatius of Loyola:**

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty,

my memory, my understanding and my whole will.

All that I am and all that I possess, you have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will.

Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen.



‘5. Jesus has poured the Holy Spirit into my heart to bring me to new life in His Church and sends His Church on mission so that others can receive that new life.

A Reading from the Gospel of John (John 14:23-27)

Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them... All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

(show image)

Reflection Leader:

Rejoicing in this, let us repent and believe in the Good News!¹ Let us become Jesus' disciples, recognizable by our love², nourished by the very body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Our old way of life is gone, the new is here.

As disciples, the Holy Spirit remains with us and gives us the gifts which make it possible for us to live this new life in Christ. For "no one can say "Jesus is Lord", except by the Holy Spirit (CCC 152) In that love we are called to proclaim the Good News to all creation³ making disciples of all nations. Amen!

Reflection Leader: As you listen to the words of the following song what is coming to mind for you? Reflect upon the following questions and take a moment to journal if you wish.

Reflection Leader:

Together let us stand and call upon the power of the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love,
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations through Christ our Lord. Amen

Reader: (with passion and joy!) This is the GOOD News- now go and announce the Gospel of the Lord to all the nations.

Response: Thanks be to God!

(Repeat)

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¹ Mk. 1:15

² Jn. 13:35

³ Mk. 16:15

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