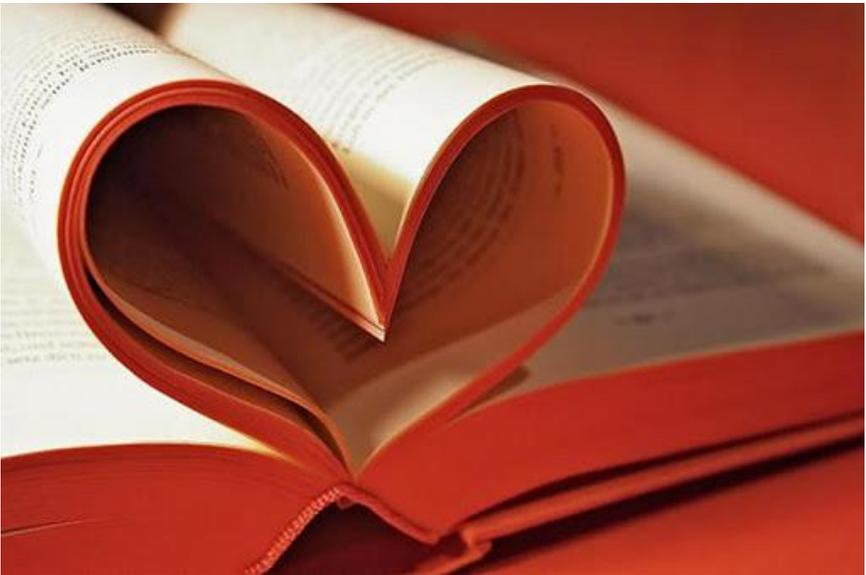


Gospel Assembly

6th Sunday of Easter



Good morning everybody and welcome to our collective worship.

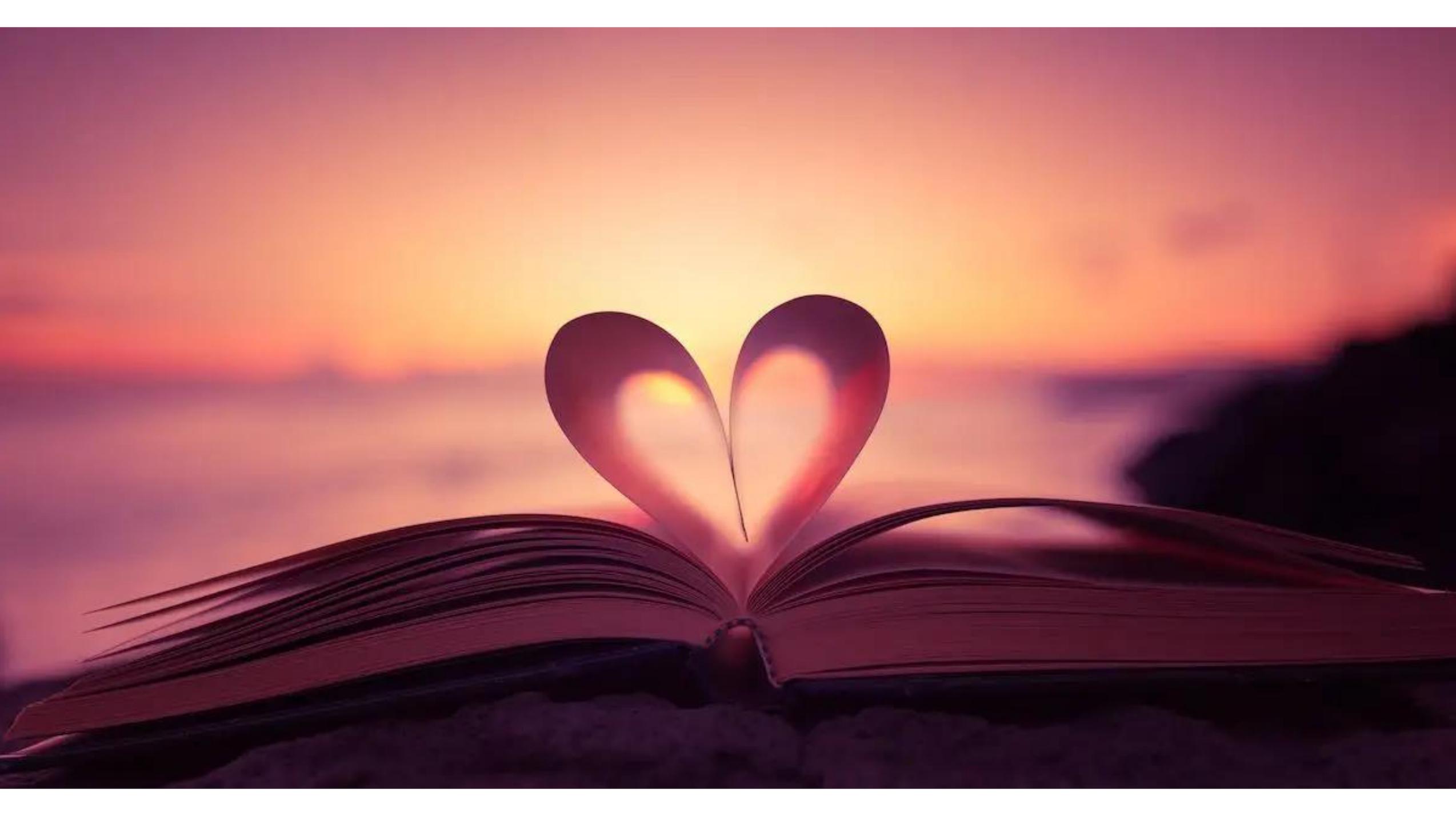
Settle yourself down somewhere where you can be quiet and if possible light a candle.

This Sunday's Gospel is all about 'Love' so you might like to take time to colour the image at the end of this power point if you can print it off and illustrate it with your own prayers.

We start by making the sign of the cross

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





A reading from the Gospel of John 14:15-21

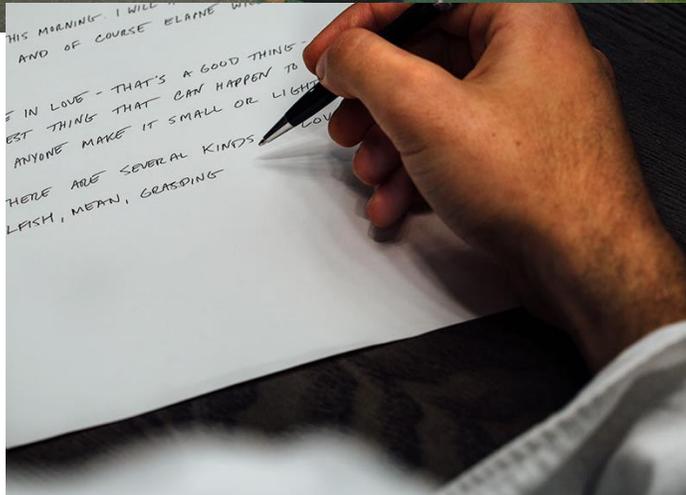
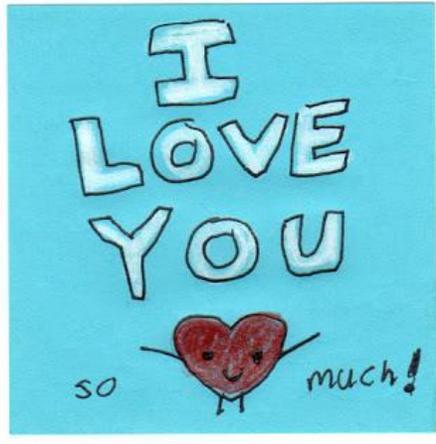


‘Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

What does this passage mean? Read the Gospel through a couple of times

The passage begins and ends with **love**. Jesus gives only a single commandment in John and it occurs in the chapter just before ours: "I give you a new commandment, that you **love** one another. Just as I have **loved** you, you also should **love** one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love** for one another." (13.34-35). At the end of each day, and during each moment of each day, for John, there's only one question to ask yourself: "In what ways did I or did I not **love** today?" This seems a simple enough task this week and one we could all achieve during lockdown – did I **love** today? How did I show that **love**?

In these difficult times we can once again be reassured by Jesus' promise to his disciples that He leaves the 'Spirit' with us to guide us. We can often feel alone and lonely during this lockdown, we can often feel scared or unsure but we are once again promised that we are not alone and we are **loved**.



There are so many ways to show 'Love' to the people we live with but also to others that we have to be physically separated from. We can show love with acts of charity or by sending someone a message letting them know that you are missing them. **How will you show love today?**

Let us pray together



1. For peace with justice among all the nations (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
2. For peace and friendship in our school community, wherever we are (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
3. That God may reassure students who were supposed to be sitting exams at this time (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us.
4. That people who are very sick may have hope and peace (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord, hear us
5. That those who are bereaved will be comforted (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord hear us
6. That we will show love wherever we can (*pause for quiet prayer*). Lord hear us

In this month dedicated to Mary we pray...

THE HAIL MARY

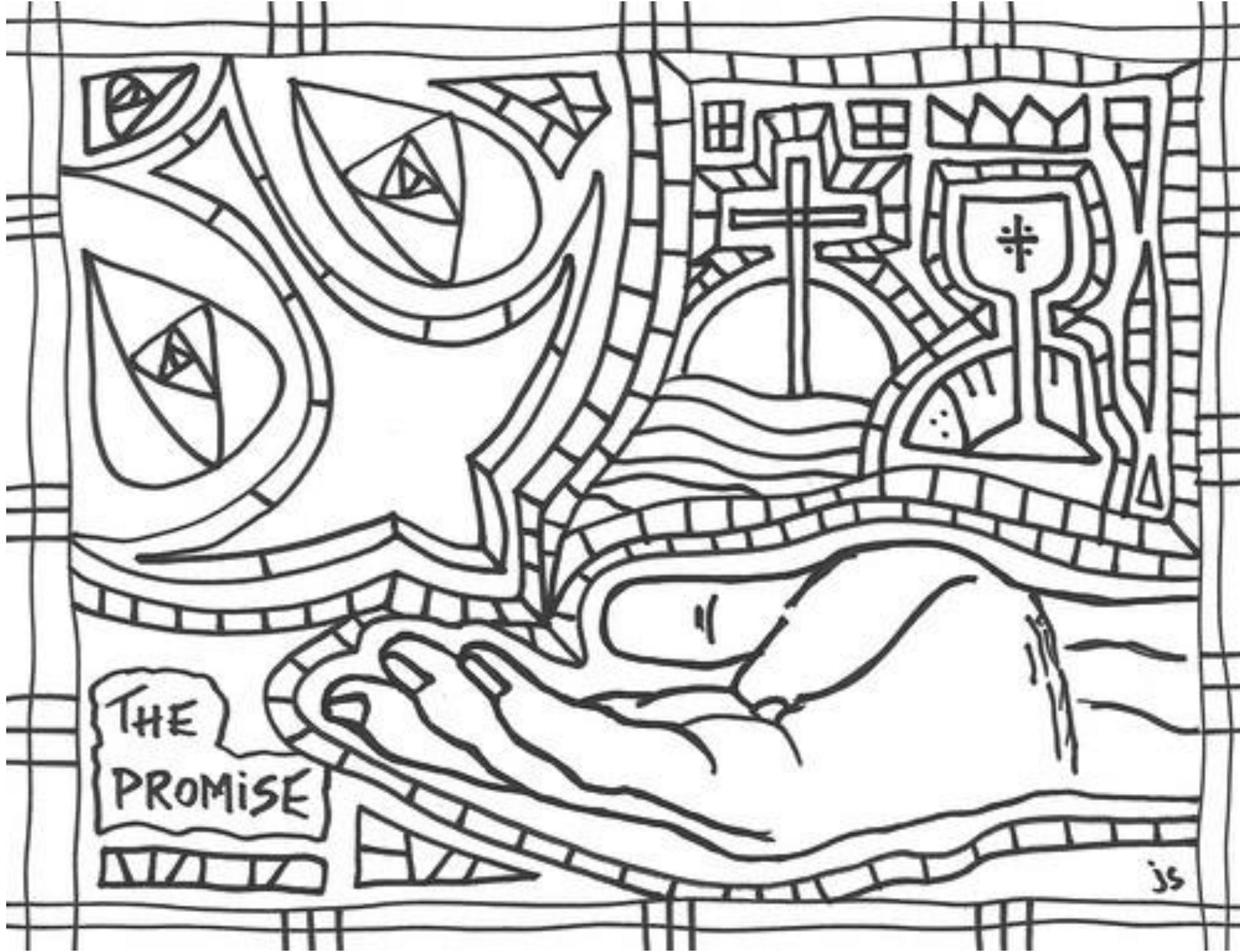
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THY WOMB, JESUS. HOLY MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS,
NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH.
AMEN.



Hail Mary

The link above is a beautiful rendition of Hail Mary using British Sign Language.

How much of this could you learn? For extra enrichment points this week can you learn how to sign this beautiful prayer? Send a video to your form teacher or to me at ogara.g@st-benedicts.org



Use this to focus
your mind as you
reflect on this
Gospel

Prayer of St. Benedict

Gracious and Holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
A HEART TO MEDITATE UPON YOU,



and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us end our time together with the sign of the Cross asking the Holy Spirit to guide us this week as we try and show love to those around us.

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

Stay well everyone and stay safe... we are missing you all!

