

Collective Worship

Week commencing 30 March 2020

Make sure that you are sitting comfortably and that you are somewhere quiet.

Try to make sure that you will be able to think quietly and without distractions for a few minutes.



If you have one you might like to place a crucifix, a set of rosary beads, a bible, or another religious object next to your screen. Your worship is different to anything else from school that you will do today.



Make sure your speakers are on and the sound is up.

When you are ready, move on to the next slide.

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



1. In the name of the Father,



2. and of the Son,



3. and of the Holy



4. Spirit.



5. Amen.

In this last week of term we will look ahead to next week and think about Jesus' Last Supper.



Listen to the Gospel being read on the next two slides.

A reading from the Gospel of John

It was before the festival of the Passover and Jesus and his disciples were at supper. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father.

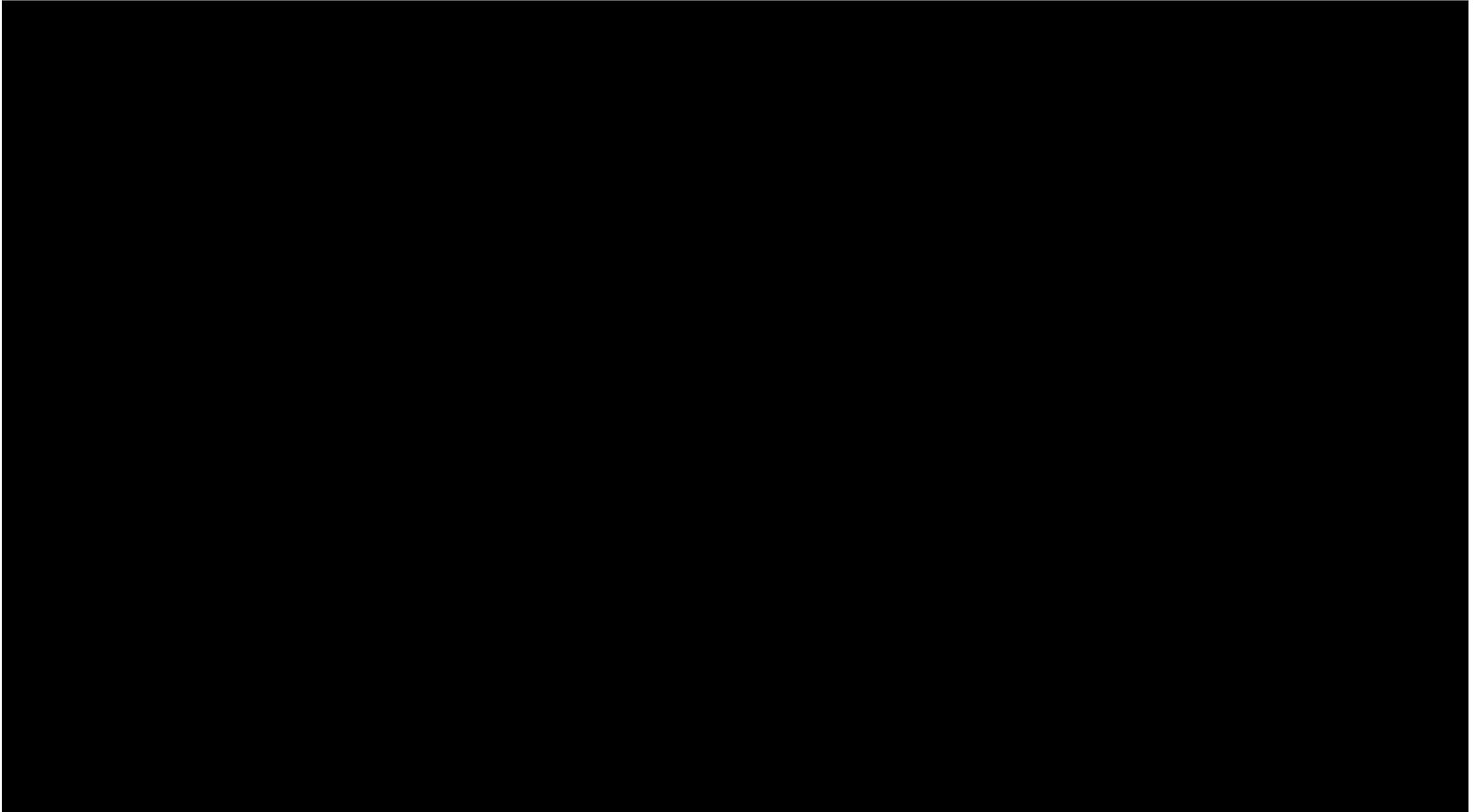
Jesus got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began washing the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.



When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand,' he said, 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'



Listen to this beautiful hymn about today's reading:



Jesus gave us an example.

He did not mean that we have to wash other people's feet, but he does mean that we need to serve one another.

What do you think 'service' or 'serving one another' means?

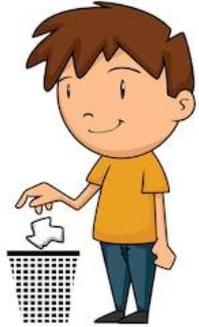


‘Service’ means doing something nice for someone else, without asking for their thanks, or expecting them to do something back for you.

Service is an act of love.



Think about all the ways you serve your school community:



every time you pick up a bit of litter and put it in the bin

every time you help someone who is finding work difficult

every time you let someone else take their turn first

every time you hold a door open



every time you smile at someone



How does it make you feel when you know that you have served someone else?



How does it make you feel when someone else has done an act of service for you?



How could you serve other people at home?

Can you make an extra-special effort to be helpful this week?



By following Jesus' example of serving one another and doing things for one another as acts of love – love of God and love of one another – we can be saints.

St Therese lived in France about 125 years ago. She decided when she was a girl that she wanted to become a nun, and when she was old enough she joined a convent.



When she was in the convent she decided to try to do everything she could to serve the other nuns.

She did their washing for them

She swept the floor

She did the washing up

She did the cleaning

She entertained them

She had no favourites – she treated everyone equally

To many people it looked as though Therese did nothing remarkable. She didn't – she did little things to serve other people, but did them all the time, and did them because she loved God and she loved the people she lived with.

Therese died when she was only 24 years old. She was made a saint and is now called St Therese of Lisieux.



Prayer



Let us be still and silent for one minute.

How can we serve someone else today? Let us ask God to help us to serve other people well.

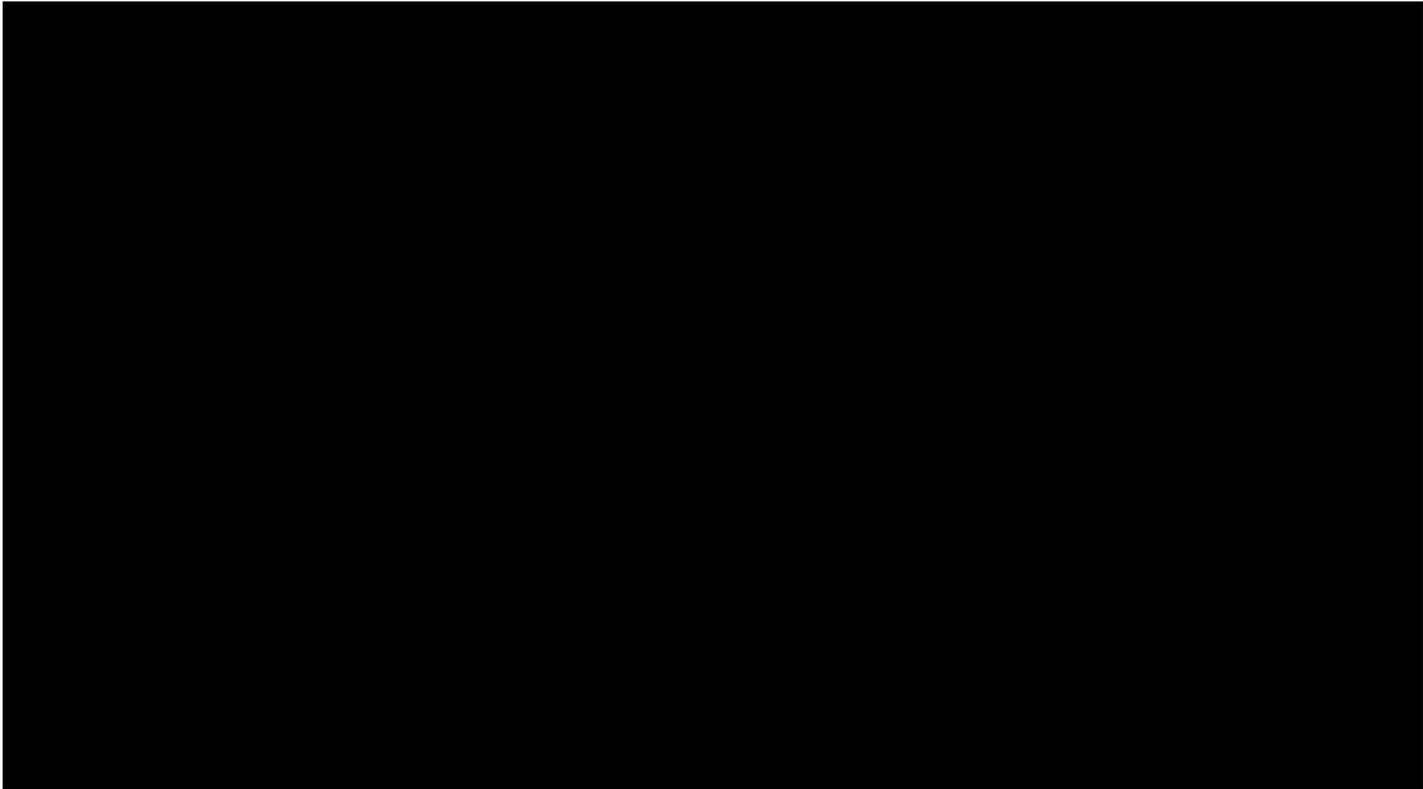
Who has served us today or in the last week? Let us ask God to help us show that we are thankful for the things other people do for us.

Prayer



Use this time for any prayers of your own that you want to make.

Maybe you would like to pray for your friends at school and your teachers ... maybe you know someone who is unwell ... maybe you would like to pray for nurses and doctors ... or for someone in your family.



A song to listen to and enjoy ... or join in with.

Don't forget to finish with the prayer on the next (last) slide.

Share a prayer



Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching us and setting us the example that we must serve one another.

Help me today to be kind and generous. Help me to put others before myself and so serve them and serve you.

Amen

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