



**Here's a text if you've only got a minute ...**

She (the sinful woman) waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment. *Gospel*

He said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven ... Your faith has saved you; go in peace.' *Gospel*

Happy the one whose offence is forgiven whose sin is remitted. O happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. *Resp. Psalm*

I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. *Second Reading*

**REFLECTIONS**

What does the week hold for me and how do I feel God may be calling me?

And so ... what do I want to ask of the Lord for myself and for others?



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**I live now not with my own life  
but with the life of Christ who lives in me.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray to the Father whose love gives us strength  
to follow his Son.

God our Father, we rejoice in the faith which draws us together,  
aware that selfishness can drive us apart.

Let your encouragement be our constant strength.

Keep us one in the love that has sealed our lives,  
help us to live, as one family, the gospel we profess.

*By his Incarnation, Jesus teaches us that God is present in all the ordinariness  
of human life, and that he longs for us to find him there.*

I try to focus my thoughts and desires on God present with me now,  
and continuing to give me life in Christ through the outpouring of the  
Holy Spirit. I thank God with love and adoration.

I pray the Opening Prayer, perhaps asking God to show me and to heal  
me of any selfishness in my life that keeps me apart from him or from  
those around me in my daily life.

I pray for the Church, the People of God, that we may truly become  
one family in Christ, witnessing to God's forgiving love by our  
forgiveness of everyone who has hurt or offended us.

## SECOND READING: GALATIANS 2: 16,19–21

We acknowledge that what makes a person righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ, rather than fidelity to the Law, is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law.

In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that I can now live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift: if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

*Here Paul teaches us that our salvation is a free gift from God, not achieved by our efforts but by our living 'in Christ' which means learning to live a life of love, with the freedom and gratitude that comes from the faith and trust in God's love and mercy, which we have experienced in our daily lives.*

I take time to place myself consciously in God's presence and to adore and thank him for his gifts of life and faith. I ask his healing for any lack in me of real faith and trust in his love.

I read the passage very slowly, pondering the truth that 'I live now ... with the life of Christ who lives in me'. I ask Jesus to live that life more fully in me so that I do 'live in faith in him'.

I read the passage again remembering that for Jesus 'living in faith' led to Calvary. I talk with him about any suffering in my life and about any fears of what 'following him' might involve. I end by placing myself with faith in his loving hands.

## PART OF THE GOSPEL: LUKE 7: 36–8: 3

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.' Then Jesus took him up and said, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Speak Master' was the reply. 'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. They were both unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?' 'The one who was pardoned more, I suppose,' answered Simon.

Jesus said, 'You are right.' Then he turned to the woman. 'Simon,' he said, 'you see this woman? I came into your house and you poured no water over my feet, but she has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has covered my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint my head with oil but she has anointed my feet with ointment. I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.' Then he said to the woman, 'Your sins are forgiven ... Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

Perhaps I pray this Gospel as an imaginative contemplation, placing myself in the scene. Do I see myself more as the woman, or as Simon?

What do I want to say to Jesus? What does he say to me? How do I respond?

I re-read the Gospel asking Jesus to fill me with the generous, self-forgetful love and sorrow of the woman and to draw me into his presence.

I end my prayer by thanking him for the faith he has given me and for the love and forgiveness he has shown me all through my life.