

Related Scripture

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

Phillipians 2: 5

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13: 34-5

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Colossians 3: 12-14

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17: 6

Be a mirror:

To read more from Fr. Richard Rohr on "Mirroring the Mind of Christ, see:

<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/mirroring-the-mind-of-christ-2021-08-24/>

Welcome to your Small Church Community

Choosing as Christ chose:

As we studied the readings in our Fall session, we reflected on the overall theme of dwelling with God — of Christ dwelling with, and within us.

Moving on from that, our theme for this Lent calls us to the natural next step: "We are made to love as Christ loves." In other words, Christ's indwelling in us transforms us, prompting us to want to live more like Christ, to have "the same mind" as Christ, as St. Paul tells us.

These Lenten readings are rich with this reminder: Just look at Jesus.

We see Jesus rejecting some big temptations, praying and conversing with God, changing the life of a woman he meets at the well, healing and loving people, giving new life to his friend, Lazarus, and finally, "emptying himself" completely on the cross.

While Jesus walks this earth in human form, he shows us how to live and love, then he sends the Holy Spirit to help us actually love with God's love.

So here are a few general thoughts for this Lenten season:

"Do I pay attention to the Jesus I see in scripture? What is he telling me through his words and his actions, through the people he chooses to be with?"

"Who do I think Jesus is? Who is Jesus for me?"

"How do my personal priorities compare with God's priorities?"

"How can my life be a mirror, to reflect the life and death of Jesus?"

"Who, or what, can help me to choose as Christ chose?"

"What can I let go of to help me live more closely to Jesus's humble way?"

Anima Christi

Note: Each week, as part of the closing prayer, we will include the first line from the prayer, Anima Christi (Soul of Christ), a popular prayer in the time of St. Ignatius.

"Jesus, may all that is you flow into me."

Here is the full prayer:

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side, enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer, but hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes, when with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen.

(Paraphrase and translation by David Fleming)