

## HOPING

**Our hearts are made for you, O God and we shall not rest until we find our home in you. (St Augustine)**

*We have turned to the text and then to life. Awakened by the Word we turn again towards the Lord*

1. What do you want to say to the Lord about what you have heard?
2. What hope or prayer has this text stirred in your heart?
3. What word about your life - be it a word of thanksgiving, sorrow, joy, peace, petition - do you now bring to the Lord?

### Closing Prayer:

*We gather our prayer together, with these words of Psalm 50:*

O rescue us God our helper.  
Our tongue will ring out your goodness.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,

My sacrifice a contrite spirit; a humbled and contrite heart.



***Our deepest prayer is one that rises from the heart in response to the realities of life.  
(Michael Casey, OCSO, adapted.)***

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# Hearing Happening Hoping

**Journey with God's Word  
The Year of Mercy  
Luke 10:25-37**



**The Word of God comes to us to awaken our hearts. We begin by**

**praying:** God our Father, source of all light, you have sent your Son into the world, to reveal yourself to all your children. Send your Spirit upon us now, that we may meet Jesus in the Word that comes from you. May we come to know him, may we come to love him more deeply and so be drawn closer to the happiness of your Kingdom. Amen.

**Luke 10:27-35**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**HEARING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening!**

**You have the words of eternal life!**

*We read the passage 2-3 times. Reflect and share on **some** of the following:*

1. What surprises you? Why?
2. The lawyer asks Jesus two questions. What are they?
3. What prompts Jesus to tell this parable?
4. The priest, the Levite and the Samaritan all saw the wounded man. What is the difference between them?
5. The Samaritan showed the man mercy. What does that involve?



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**In the Light of the Word we look at our lives**

*We read the passage again and reflect on **some** of the following:*

1. "and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side..." What situations cause us to pass by on the other side?
2. "which of the three, do you think..?" Jesus brings the lawyer to see things in a new way. Who brings us to see things in new ways?
3. "...he was moved with pity." What in our world moves us with pity? How do we react, what do we do?

