Surrender into Love



A season for deepening our spiritual life:



* experiencing the giving over of your life

* surrender and let the Spirit work in you

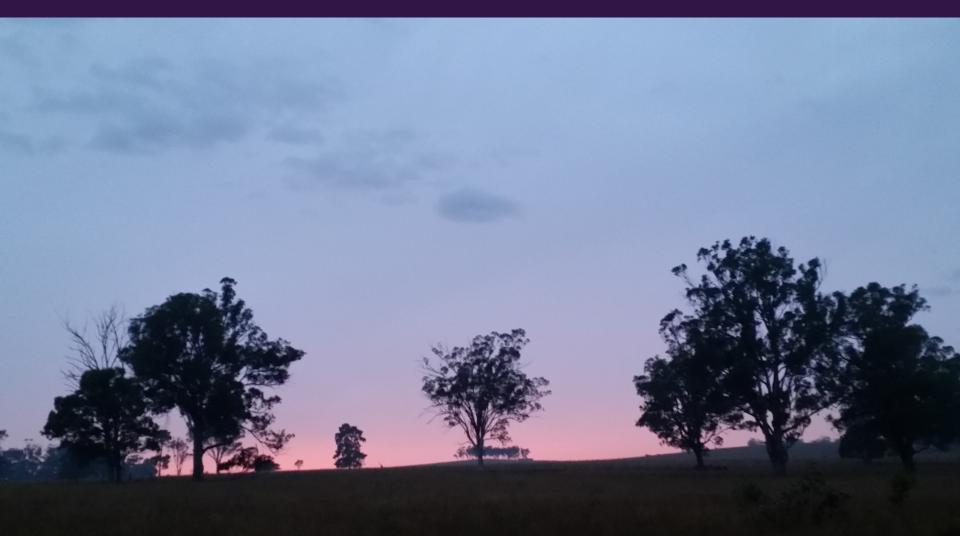
* fasting, prayer and almsgiving

* growing in friendship with the Lord



Jesus - the faithful friend

If only today you knew the ways of peace! Lk 19:42



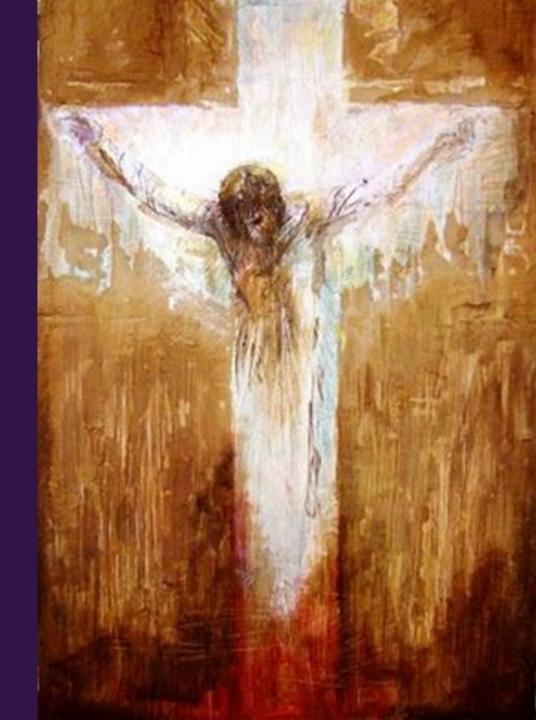




" It was as if his whole life was a unique symphony to love."

David Torkington on St Francis

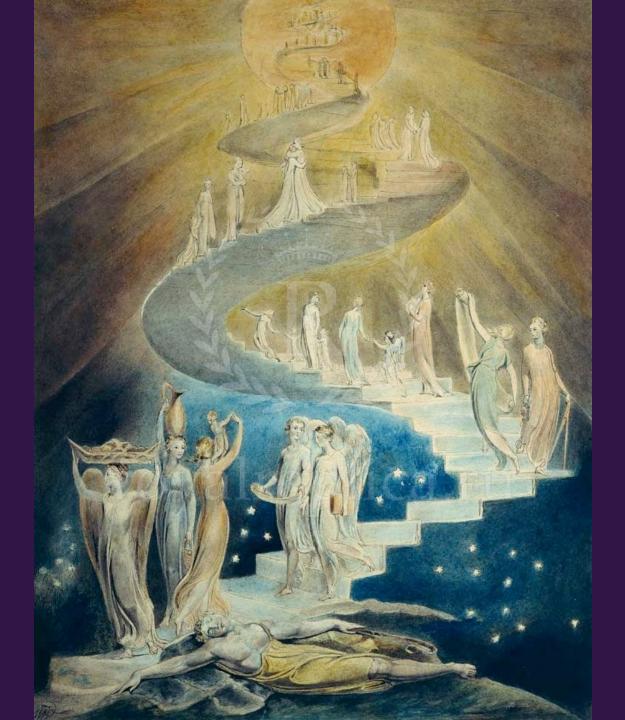
Having loved those who were his own, Jesus loved them to the end. Jn 13:1



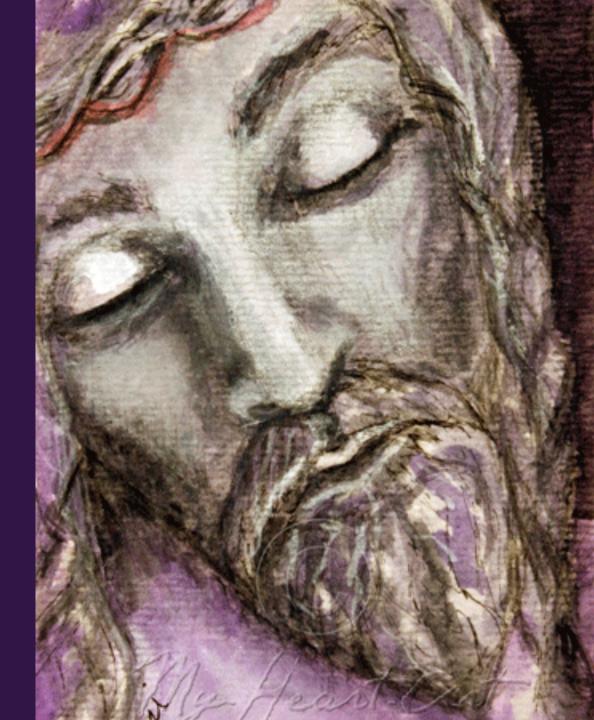


'I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard.' Is 50:5,6

'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who... emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.' Phil 2:5, 7-8



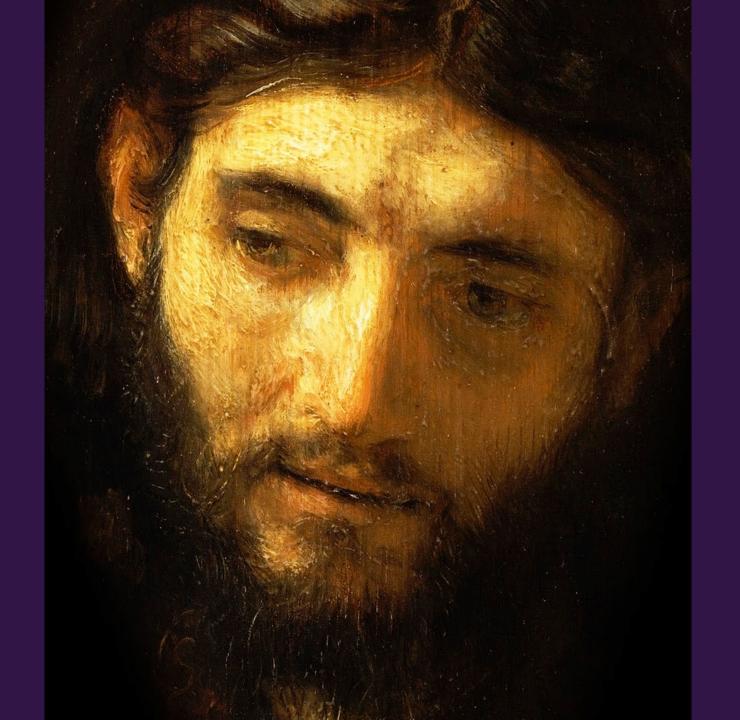
We need to surrender.

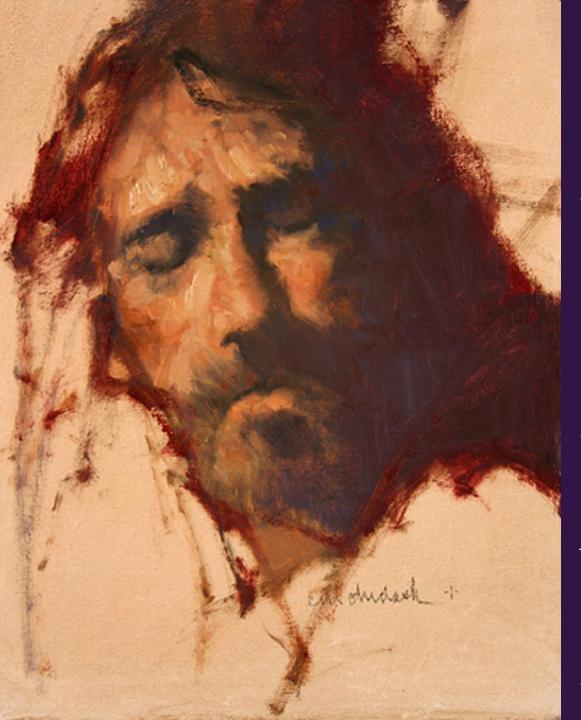


Over the House of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced. Zech 12:10



"O God you are my God, for you I long. For you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary..." Psalm 63







"He had no special beauty or form to attract us; there was nothing in his appearance to make us desire him. He was hated, despised and rejected. A man of suffering, acquainted with grief. Fourth Song of The Suffering Servant, Isaiah 52-53





People would not even look at him, turned their backs, hid their faces from him, averted their gaze."

Fourth Song of The Suffering Servant, Isaiah 52-53





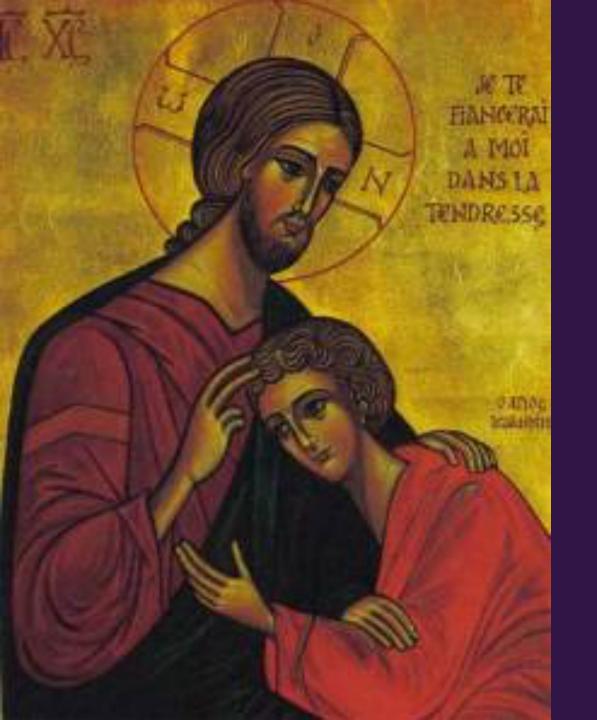
"Looking Christ in the face changes us. But to be changed we need to really look into his face with the desire for good, desiring truth."

Fr. Luigi Giussani, founder of Comunione e Liberazione

Entering into the experience of Jesus



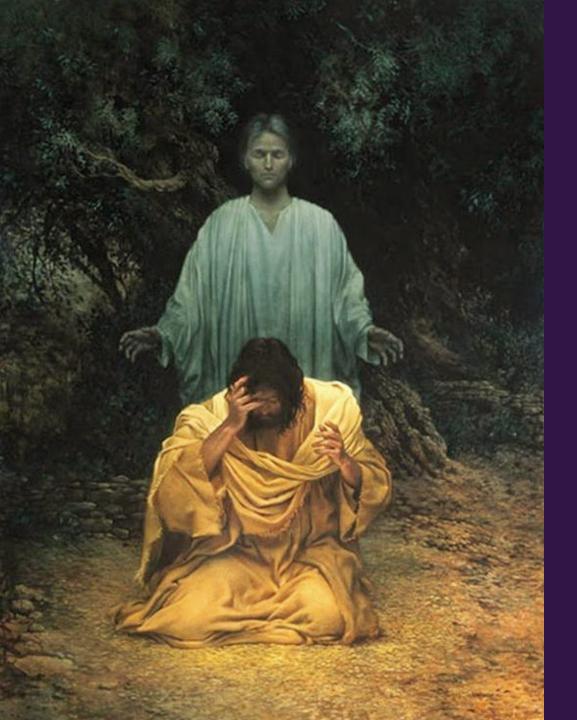






Leaning back on







Father into your hands I commend my spirit! Lk 23:46



...be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind...Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Phil, 2:1-5



How can my whole life be a unique symphony to love?