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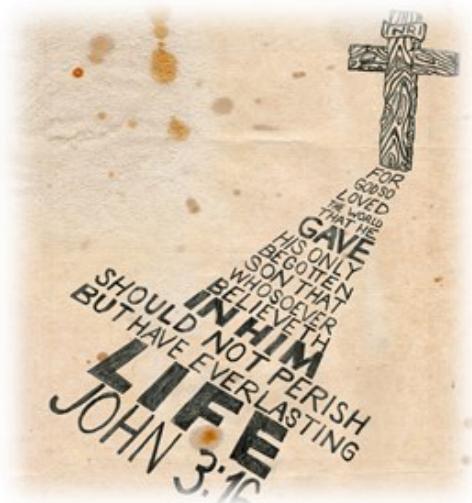
The voice of God echoes in the depths of the human heart

(Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 16)

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

1. What prayer has this text stirred in your heart? What do you want to say to the Lord about this?
2. What word about your life—be it a word of gratitude, sorrow, joy, peace, petition—do you now bring to the Lord?
3. In what Word or phrase can you now rest?

Closing prayer: We gather our prayer together as we say,
Our Father...



"So, faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

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**Meeting God in the Word
Ecumenical Bible Week 2017
John 3:16-18**



BIBLE WEEK
2017
4TH - 11TH JUNE

Faith comes from hearing
the Word of Christ
Rom 10:17

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.

John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

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Hearing ~ *Speak Lord, your servants are listening!* You have the words of eternal life!

1. Read the text for the first time. What words strike you in this text? What words stand out for you?

2. Read the text a second time. What words are you drawn towards?

3. What do you feel about Jesus who speaks in this way? What feelings does this text evoke in you.



HAPPENING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening!
In the Light of the Word we look at our lives

Reflect on *some* of the following:

1. “*God did not send the Son...*” When have we seen someone coming into another’s life and rescuing that person? Where do we see salvation in the everyday?

2. “*For God so loved the world...*”

What type of sacrifices do people make for the sake of love? Why would someone love in that way?



3. “*Those who believe in him...*” In whom do we believe? To whom do we entrust ourselves? What happens when someone cannot entrust themselves to anyone?

“The Gospel is the book of the Lord’s life. It is meant to become the book of our life too.” ~ Madeline Delbrêl