

Today's readings invite us to enter the mystery of what it means to be holy. Love as God loves. Do good to those who hurt you, forgive as God forgives. Do not seek revenge or cherish a grudge. Be happy to serve one another. Offer double what is asked of you. Imitate God through love for one another.

Holiness it would seem turns our world upside down. It takes an intentional shift in our attitudes, our conditioning, and our actions to move beyond what we have learned to do in certain situations to a place where our hearts are soft and open and we respond to life's challenges with a generosity of Spirit – the Spirit who lives within us.

This week let us take one small step to soften our hearts: let us see service as a privilege and a blessing. Let us heal a broken relationship or walk with someone who is hurting. Let us be kind rather than right. We have been loved and forgiven by God, by others. Let us do the same for others and become the reflection of God's care in any – in every - situation.

Today, let us pray for the grace to see with God's eyes of compassion, to love with God's heart of love, to be the Holiness that is God.