

ASSOCIATES' MEETING

MAY 4, 2021

WE WANT TO SEE JESUS

**Welcome / Updates:** Anne

**Introduction:** Gisele

**Opening Song:** "Only This I Want" Dan Schutte

**Refrain:** Only this I want, but to see the Lord, and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,  
For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need. **Refrain**

I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,  
So to win the prize of the Kingdom of my Lord. **Refrain**

Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord,  
So to shine like stars in the darkness of the night. **Refrain.**

**Opening Prayer:** Dear Lord, blessed are we who believe and have not yet seen. But know that you are present in our hearts. You know us to the core of our being and know the deepest desires of our hearts. You provide comfort and hope to us all. Lord, thank you for your presence in our lives. Amen

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12**

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."*

**Reflection:** Gisele

**Reflection Exercise – We are going to create our own Beatitudes**

Think of something or a situation that causes you pain or discomfort, extra work, or makes you tired or frustrated and turn it into a Blessing. Example: Blessed am I, a caregiver, for though my days are long and the work is tough, I get to spend time with and care for someone I love.

Please keep it to one sentence, and start with **Blessed am I .....**

**Individual reflection time:** 10 minutes

**Sharing:** 1-2 minutes each with Eileen Luddy as Moderator. Please respect the time limit.

**Closing Prayer:** Dearest Lord Jesus, I am coming to love and admire you more and more each day. I don't always understand your words but I feel great comfort in them and great freedom. You remind me that I don't have to earn God's blessing but that holiness lies in being myself before God. I often feel that I am not yet ready to be your disciple, yet you call me to your side. Help me to respond with all my heart. Amen.

**Closing Song:** "All My Days" Dan Schutte

**Refrain:** Till the end of my days, O Lord, I will bless your name,  
Sing your praise, give you thanks, all my days.

You have made me little less than a god, and have lavished my heart with your love.  
With dignity and honor you've clothed me, given me rule over all. **Refrain**

You have blessed me with good things and plenty and surrounded my table with friends.  
Their love and their laughter enrich me; together we sing your praise. **Refrain**

Your sun and your moon give me light, and your stars show the way through the night.  
Your rivers and streams have refreshed me. I will sing your praise. **Refrain**

How great is your love, O Father, that you sent us your Savior Son.  
His death and his rising will heal us, and draw us all unto you.