

Presenter

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Liturgical Date: Year C, Easter 5, 15th May 2022 Mr Ross Neville

Focus Readings Psalm 148, Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35

Message 7 minutes 30 seconds "Cultural baggage can be an impediment"

Discussion Starters

- 1 What does Ross say about the role and mission of the church?
- 2 Have you had an experience of a Multicultural Multifaith Church?
- **3** What are some traditions that hinder your church outreach?
- 4 Is there multigeneration and/or multicultural opportunities in your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Acts 11:1-18 Through a vision and experience Peter grasps: "If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God's way?" (v17, author's trans.)

Psalm 148 The Psalmist invites the assembled faithful to affirm manifestations of God's Glory in both the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 21:1-6 The central claim is the affirmation: "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God."

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All Age Message: Mr Ross Neville Length 2 minutes 0 seconds "Love those who hurt you"

Precis of AAM

Even Jesus had friends who let him down and did not always show love. Jesus must have felt terrible when Judas betrayed him. Loving our friends all the time is hard, but forgiving our family, friends and close relations is extremely hard because they are the ones that can hurt us the hardest. Jesus' command is that we must 'Love one another'

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 148 - not listed in Blue Book.

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