


Wisdom -The 5th Virtue of a Good Teacher


Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

Opening Song Make me a Channel of your Peace


Verses:



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where there is ha- tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where there's de-spair in
3. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ it is in par-don-




1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju-
2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark ness-
3. ing that we are par doned, _____ in giv - ing of our.




1. ry, your par - don, Lord. _____ And where there's doubt true
2. _____ on - ly light. _____ And where there's sad - ness.
3. selves that we re - ceive. _____ and in dy - ing that we're

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1. faith in you. _____ joy. _____
2. ev - er
3. born to e - ter - nal life. _____

REFRAIN:



Oh Mas ter grant that I may nev er seek _____ So much to be con-
soled as to con sole, _____ to be un der stood as to un - der-
stand, _____ To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. _____

Reading from Brother Agathon 1785, translated by Brother Gerard Rummery 1998

Wisdom is a virtue which gives us knowledge of the most exalted things.

The good teacher will teach his students how to direct their actions in conformity with the true rules of behaviour; to moderate and correct their passions; to become truly and genuinely happy. He will strive to distinguish what is really good from what is such only in appearance; he will lead them to choose rightly and to persevere in every enlightened choice; to arrange all things with order and measure; in a word, to fulfill exactly their duties toward God, toward themselves, and toward others.

Our response from *The Book of Wisdom*

Side One: Learn what I teach you, my son, and never forget what I tell you to do. Listen to what is wise and try to understand it.

Side Two: Yes, beg for knowledge; plead for insight. Look for it as hard as you would for silver or some hidden treasure.

Side One: It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from him comes knowledge and understanding. He protects those who treat others fairly, and guards those who are devoted to him.

Side Two: If you listen to me, you will know what is right, just and fair. You will become wise and your knowledge will give you pleasure.

Side One: Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the Lord and refuse to do wrong.

Side Two: If you do, it will be like good medicine, healing your wounds and easing your pains.

Side One: Happy is anyone who becomes wise, who gains understanding. Wisdom is more valuable than jewels; nothing you could want can compare with it.

Side Two: Hold on to your wisdom and insight, my son. Never let them get away from you.

All: Glory be to the Father Amen.

Pause for quiet reflection

Reading from *Meditations 91 and 170* by John Baptist de La Salle

Have you been careful to teach your students the maxims and practices of the holy Gospel and to see that they practise them? A teacher who has piety in his heart, says the Wise Man, will bring forth wisdom; that is, he will procure wisdom for himself and he will make those wise whom he instructs. It is in Holy Scripture that the outpourings of all the treasure of God's knowledge and wisdom are found. These are the divine books which the true servants of God must devour and be filled with in order to communicate their secrets.

Our Response from *The Letter of James*

Side One: Are there people among you who are wise and understanding? They are to prove it by their good lives, by their good deeds performed with humility and wisdom.

Side Two: But if in your heart you are jealous, bitter and selfish, don't sin against the truth by boasting of your wisdom.

Side One: Such wisdom does not come down from heaven; it belongs to the world, it is unspiritual and demonic.

Side Two: Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder and every kind of evil.

Side One: But the wisdom from above is pure first of all, it is also peaceful, gentle, and friendly.

Side Two: It is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds; it is free from prejudice and hypocrisy.

Side One: And goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds the peacemakers plant in peace.

Side Two: But if any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all.

All: Glory be to the Father Amen.

Pause for quiet reflection

Intercessions


Closing Prayer

All: Lord, you have enriched our lives in many ways.
Give us this day
the wisdom to recognize
which things are important
and which things are not.
Show us how best
to use the time and talents
you have given us.
Help us to use all opportunities wisely
that we may give in service to others
the good gifts
we have received from you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen


Closing Song

Praise to the Holiest

Praise to the ho- liest in the height, and in the depth be praise, in



all his words most won- der- ful, most sure in all his ways.



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| 2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight,
and to the rescue came. | 5. O generous love! that he who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in man
For man should undergo. |
| 3. O wisest love! That flesh and blood
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail; | 6. And in the garden secretly
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die. |
| 4. And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and Essence all divine. | 7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways. |

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

He who knows others is learned; he who knows himself is wise. (Lao-Tze, Character of Tao)

**St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!**