

## Thursday 19 September

Today is Thursday the 19 September in the 24th week of Ordinary Time.

The University of Johannesburg choir conducted by Renette Boucher sing the Kyrie from Missa De Meridiana Terra: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. These imploring words, which have been sung for centuries, are a reminder of the inexhaustible mercy of God, of God's unfailing compassion and forgiveness. As I listen, I might think for a moment about my need for that forgiveness, and the need, too, for me to show that same forgiveness to others.

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Luke.

This woman is a sinner, and she knows it ? and so does everybody else. But it doesn't stop her coming to Jesus, touching him, expressing her love.

What about you? Do you keep your sins to yourself? Or can you come to Jesus, just as you are?

Listen again to the passage. What would it be like to hear Jesus say, ?Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.??

Is there anything you want to say to the Lord? Speak to him now, without fear.