

## Friday 24 May

Today is Friday the 24 May, in the Fifth Week of Easter.

Maximillian sings ?Learning to Love Like You?.

Today?s reading is from the Gospel of John.

?No one has greater love than this, to lay down one?s life for one?s friends.? These words are often seen on war memorials, acknowledging the sacrifice made by those who died in battle. Meaningful as they are in that context, can I see how this saying might have meaning for me beyond this military context, in my life?

?You did not choose me, but I chose you.? Perhaps I feel thankful about being chosen in this way. Perhaps I want to know more about what exactly I?ve been chosen for. More specifically, more immediately, how can I live out the gift I?ve been given, this friendship with Christ, in the day facing me?

Listening to the passage again, notice the radical distinction Jesus draws between servants and friends. A servant?s involvement is always limited. Servants only work at what they are allowed or told to do. He calls his followers friends. With a close friend, you share everything. As you listen, notice how you might feel if you were merely a servant, and how you feel knowing that Jesus calls you his friend?

Talk now to God in your own words about what friendship with Jesus means for you. Talk about the ways you would like that friendship with Jesus to deepen.