

Jesus and the women were left. Jesus asked the woman “where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” “No Lord” she said. The Jesus said “Neither do I. Go and sin no more” **John 8:9-11.**

Good judgment without being judgemental, can we live up to this? Can we be kind, patient and tolerant?

-Bernard Kellet

Entrance antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Psalm 99: Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

"Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity." Pope Francis



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Weekly Reflection: Tolerance

Intolerance is widespread across the modern world fuelled by racial and ethnic prejudice, nationalism,

tribalism, and religious extremists.

Jesus was surrounded by intolerance. Jews and Samaritans hated each other **John 4:19**. Women were treated as inferior to men and Jewish religious leaders scorned the common people **John 7:49**. Jesus was, of course, different “this man welcomes sinners and eats with them” said his opposers **Luke 15:2**. Jesus was kind, patient and tolerant.

A biblical word for “tolerance” is “patience” and not just “passively waiting” but “enduring suffering without retaliation.” However, even though tolerance is one of the modern world’s highest values, the Bible hardly seems to use the word.

Jesus gave us a blueprint for tolerance when he said, “Judge not, that you be not judged” **Matthew 7:1**. “Condemn not and you shall not be condemned” **Luke 6:37**. Jesus shows us how to have good judgement without being judgemental. According to John’s gospel, Jesus was full of both grace and truth **John 1:14**. By combining both, Jesus gives us a model of moral insight and judgement while insisting that He, Himself, was not ready to condemn anyone **John 3:17**. Consider what happened when a group of religious men brought to Jesus a woman who they said had been caught in the act of adultery. In an effort to set Jesus against Moses, they said “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” **John 8:4-5**. When they insisted on an answer He said, “let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone”. John’s gospel says that when the accusers heard Jesus’ response, they slipped away one by one until only