



Christ the Contemplative: God's Loving Gaze upon Us

We often present Jesus as a compassionate healer, an enlightened teacher, a provocative prophet, a merciful leader, a gentle shepherd. Certainly, all these images and metaphors capture some part of his character and ministry. As Christians, however, we also encounter him as the "Son" – eternally united to the Father, and as revealing the mystery of God's presence within our human experience.

Jesus is, in this way, the model of the Contemplative: frequently presented as withdrawing to a place of solitude to unite himself to the Father in prayer; he also gazes upon and unites himself with compassion to the other characters of the Gospel, as an expression of God's own contemplative love of his creation.



In our retreat, then, we will explore some of the dimensions of Christ's union with God in our prayer, but also seek to express this union in our contemplative gaze upon our world and our neighbour. We will enter the contemplative silence and sacred listening with Jesus as our teacher and open ourselves to contemplate the God who is present to us in our connection with others.

Date: Oct 4 (Tue) to Oct 12 (Wed), 2022

Time: Registration begins at 3pm on Oct 4. Program begins at 8pm on Oct 4 and finishes at 12:30pm on Oct 12 (lunch on last day is included)

Venue: Xavier House, Cheung Chau

Target Participants: Participants who have joined prayer workshop or have experience of individual guided retreat for four-days-three-nights or above in Ignatian style.

Language: English (may choose English or Cantonese for spiritual direction)

Fee: HK\$5,600

Online Application:

<https://forms.gle/wqE9gLtBjGBez5DD6>



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