

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 11^h October 2020

Preparation

□ If possible arrange candles, a Crucifix and a Gospel or Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

Today we are reminded of the choices we have in our lives. We have been given the greatest invitation - the one that leads to Eternal Life. We must continue to make the choice to accept it.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the “Sorry Song”.

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,
In Your love,
Help us to do better, Help us to be kinder. Forgive us,

Forgive us.

Gloria (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:** (*Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It'*)
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, As we listen to the story, let us praise him for his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

“A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew”.

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God's word, speak God's word and keep God's word in our hearts) **as we say together “Glory to You, O Lord.”**

Matthew 21:1-14

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Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: **“The Gospel of the Lord”**.

All reply: **“Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ”**. Ask everyone to be seated.

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

In today's Gospel we hear the story of a King that held a party for his son's wedding and invited many guests. Discuss what happened in the story. The King planned a great party for his son's wedding. When nobody appeared he invited everybody else instead. One guest was asked to leave because they were not wearing the 'correct clothing'.

Discuss with the children the preparation that goes into arranging a party. What kind of things are needed?

- Invitations and List of Guests
- Decorations
- Venue
- Date
- Time

All these things and more have to be organised before a Party takes place.

Discuss with the children the excitement leading up to such an event and then how they would feel if nobody turned up. There would clearly be great disappointment.

The greatest Invitation we have been given and ever will be is the invitation to join God in Eternal Life. Just as we prepare for a party, we must also be prepared to accept this great invitation.

What can we do to prepare to accept the greatest invitation of all?

We must live our lives in the way God has asked us to. We accept the invitation when we show God's love to others and when we spread His message with others.

Remind the children that we do not only accept God's Invitation one time. We do it throughout our lives as we build a relationship with our Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

Lord Jesus,

Help us to live our lives as an answer to the invitation to the call of your love. May we lead others to you and the gift of Eternal Life.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus. Help us to make good choices and do the things the way we have been asked to. May we be ready to share in your Kingdom in Heaven and your glory at the end of time.

Amen

