

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) – 13th June 2021

Preparation

- If possible arrange candles, crucifix and Gospel/ Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

Today we hear Jesus sharing a parable, he reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven grows when we share his love with others.

As we gather at home today, we thank God for our families and for this time we spend together in prayer. We do this today, knowing that God is with us, helping us always especially when times are difficult.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Adults and children think about how you have behaved in the past week. Especially when our daily routines are different just now. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful even when you don't feel like it and it's difficult?

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.

(To the Tune of Frère Jacques)

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 (1)

Gospel (Mark 4:26-34)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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,
we speak God's word and we keep God's word in our hearts as we say
together:

“Glory to You Oh Lord”

Use this link to read the Gospel if you don't have a Sunday Missal

<https://cafod.org.uk>Education>Children'sLiturgy>

Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say:

“The Gospel of The Lord”

All reply : **“Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ”**

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus sharing a parable, discuss with the children what a parable is.

It is a special story, that Jesus uses to teach us something.

In the parable Jesus told in today's Gospel he compared the Kingdom of Heaven to a mustard seed. Discuss with the children anything they know about mustard seeds.

It is one of the smallest seeds- yet when it grows it becomes a very large tree with strong branches to shelter the birds and provide shade from the hot sun. Seeds require water and to be treated properly and then they will grow into plants, shrubs and trees reaching their potential as God created them.

Why do you think Jesus shared the parable of the mustard seed?

He used it to remind us that we are like mustard seeds! We don't need to be big to do great things- to be kind and help those around us and by doing so building up God's kingdom. Small acts of kindness can truly change the world! We know about God's great love for us. When we share His love with others, we grow in our faith and bring God and His kingdom to others.

What can we do to help us grow, like the mustard seed?

We can share God's love with others...showing kindness, forgiveness and understanding to everyone in our lives.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for teaching us about God's great love for us. Help us to have the courage to share your teaching with our family and friends.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for loving us. May we lead lives of goodness so that we can help build the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

We now pray together saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name:

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

We can also say the following prayer as a Spiritual Communion:

Spiritual Communion (Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,

I believe You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my soul,

I embrace You as if You were already come,

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, Help us to love You as we should and to show your love to others- especially to those who are poor or sick or lonely. Amen.

References

1. The Complete Children's Liturgy Book. Katie Thomson, published by Kevin Mayhew. P192.