

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) – 4th July 2021

Preparation

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

Introduction

Today we hear about Jesus returning to His home town and teaching there in the synagogue to the disbelief of the local people with whom He had grown up. They could not accept His wisdom and that He was able to perform miracles.

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 of Mark 6:1-6

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

What happened in the Gospel today?

Jesus returned to His home town and taught in the Synagogue.

How did the local people react?

They did not believe in Jesus. They had known Him since He was a child and thought they knew everything about Him. They had no faith in Him as they thought He was just ordinary. They could not believe that He performed miracles curing the sick.

What did Jesus say to His disciples about this?

Jesus told His disciples that “ A prophet is only despised in his own country and among his own relations.”

We are very fortunate as we know that Jesus is not ordinary and that He is the Son of God. We know that if we have faith in Him, He will change our lives and help us with all our needs.

How can we be faithful to Jesus?

By treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves- being kind, helpful, thoughtful and sharing.

We can be faithful by saying our prayers and going to Mass, and by telling Jesus we are sorry when we have not behaved as we should.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for giving us the gift of faith. Help us to share this gift with others so that they come to know that You are the Son of the living God. May we show others Your love for them.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help those who are sick or in need. May they know that they can always turn to You in their time of need and find Your comfort and love.

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. P196.