

15th November 2020 - Year A – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Introduction

In today's Gospel we are reminded that God has given all of us different talents. These talents must be used to reflect God's love by helping others. What are you good at and how do you use your talents?

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us.

An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they 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". (To the tune of Frere Jacques)

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

All say "Glory to You Oh Lord" while making a cross on your forehead, on your lips and on your heart.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

<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 did you hear in today's Gospel? Build on the points that the children remember. Be sure to include the following:

In the story Jesus told- what did the man give his servants?

He gave them money (known as talents) in varying amounts according to their ability: 5000, 2000, and 1000 gold coins.

What did each servant do with the money entrusted to him?

The servant with 5000 talents made 5000 more. The servant with 2000 made 2000 more, but the servant with 1000 talents did nothing to increase the amount and instead buried the coins.

What happened when the man returned and called for his servants? Was he pleased with his servants?

The man was very pleased with the two servants who had made the most of what they were given and had doubled their talents.

He was very angry with the servant who was lazy and buried the talents he was given!

What was Jesus telling us in this story?

Jesus is reminding us that God has given us all talents and that we are meant to use them and develop them the best we can to show God's love to others.

Discuss with the children what they are good at: sport, drawing, writing, cooking, making people laugh, listening, being a good friend, looking after people....

How are you going to use your talents to show God's love to others today?

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for all the people in our lives that help us to develop the talents you have given us - especially our parents, family, teachers and priests.

Lord, in Your mercy.

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

Lord Jesus,

Help us never to be lazy and bury the talents God has given us. Help us to use our talents to bring God's love, hope, mercy and joy to our world.

Lord, in Your mercy.

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

Lord Jesus,

Especially in this month of November – the month of the Holy Souls- grant eternal peace and joy to all of our family, friends, priests and teachers who are with you now in Heaven.

Lord, in Your mercy.

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

Closing Prayer

For all the dead especially those dear to us:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed,

Through the mercy of God

Rest in peace.

Amen.