

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) – 11th July 2021

Preparation

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

Introduction

Today we hear about Jesus sending the twelve apostles out in pairs to travel the country to preach repentance, heal the sick and cast out evil spirits.

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 6:7-13

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 sent the apostles out to travel the country in pairs to preach repentance (telling the people to change their lives and live as Jesus has taught us),

He gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to anoint the sick with oil and heal them.

Jesus made the twelve apostles the first priests and so they anointed the sick with oil just as our priests today anoint the sick with oil that has been blessed for “ the sacrament of the sick.”

Did Jesus tell the apostles to pack a suitcase full of belongings and take a packed lunch or some money for the journey?

No – Jesus told them to take nothing for the journey!

Why do you think Jesus said this?

Jesus wanted the apostles to have faith and know that God would provide for all their needs.He did this through the people they met on their journey who welcomed them in to their homes and shared their food and belongings.

God has given us all that we have and there really is more than enough of everything to go around in our country and the whole world. We need to be aware that everything we have is from God and that it is to be shared with others who are struggling or in need.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for all your loving kindness and for taking care of all our needs. Help us to share with everyone in need.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help those who are sick. Comfort them and restore them to good health.

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.