

## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A– 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

### **Preparation**

If possible:

- Arrange candles, a crucifix and a Sunday missal or Gospel on a table.
- Have some mustard seeds (or a picture of mustard seeds and a picture of a mustard tree).
- You could have some flour and yeast available to show the children. If you are able and you like to bake you could get the children to help you bake some bread during the week before Sunday and then see if they remember what the tiny amount of yeast did to the flour!

### **Introduction**

Today is the sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time. In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the people parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. A parable is a story of everyday events that has a special meaning. See if you can work out the special meaning of these parables.

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

If possible arrange a Candle, a Crucifix and a Sunday Missal or Gospel on a table. 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".

We are sorry, *(To the Tune of Frere Jacques)*

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.

**Matthew 13:31-33,43b** refer to:

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

Just read the verses stated above –that is, the parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the flour and the yeast.

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

### **All say : Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **Lead a Discussion on the Gospel**

Ask children what they heard in this week's Gospel. Acknowledge and encourage them.

Ask the following questions:

What kind of seed was Jesus talking about and what did He say about it?

(Jesus told a parable about a mustard seed and how this the smallest seed grew into the largest plant – a tree. Show the children the mustard seeds/picture of mustard seeds and show them the picture of the mustard tree).

What was the other parable about? (It was about the lady that baked some bread and how in order to do this she used a tiny amount of yeast mixed with a large amount of flour, so much that the yeast seemed to disappear!)

If you have some yeast and flour mix the right quantity to show the children how the yeast becomes hidden by the flour.

Ask the children what the yeast does to the bread dough? (The tiny amount of yeast has a big effect. It makes the dough rise increasing it's size by a large amount).

What did Jesus say that both the mustard seed and the yeast are like?

(Jesus said that they are like the Kingdom of Heaven! This might seem like an odd thing to say, so you will need to help the children understand that through the grace of God, if we are willing to listen and follow Jesus even if we don't think that what we do will make a difference, or that we feel that we can't help very much, God can do a lot through us, and through God's grace all the small acts of kindness that we show each other are building the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth).

Ask the children to think of something kind or helpful that they can do. It may be for a brother or sister, or a parent, grandparent or friend. Maybe they can do this today or during the week. Remind the children that when they do this, God will be pleased and they will be helping to build the Kingdom of Heaven, in this world by bringing God's love and joy to others.

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord, we pray that especially in our church community our hearts may be open to the word of God.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

Lord, we pray that we may truly listen to your word and hear what we should do to follow you.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

Lord, we pray for our friends and family, that they are open to your grace and that together we can all build your Kingdom here on earth.

Lord in Your Mercy  
-Hear our Prayer

## **Closing Prayer**

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

AMEN