

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) – 25th July 2021

Preparation

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

Introduction

Today we hear of a great miracle – how Jesus fed over 5000 people with only five loaves and two fish!

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 John 6:1-15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

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 wanted to feed the large crowd of people who had gathered to hear him teach. He asked one of His disciples (Philip) where they could get some food to feed all the people.

Why did Jesus ask Philip this?

Jesus only asked Philip this to test him as He already knew that He was going to perform a miracle to feed over 5000 people.

What did Philip say?

Philip said it would cost a lot of money (200 silver coins) and even then people would only have a small amount to eat.

What did Andrew tell Jesus?

Andrew noticed that there was a boy with five barley loaves and two fish, but remarked that this was nothing in comparison to what was needed to feed all the people.

What did Jesus say and do?

Jesus told the disciples to get the people to sit down and He took the bread and broke it and gave thanks to God for it and gave it out and likewise distributed the two fish.

What happened?

Jesus worked a miracle feeding more than 5000 people from five loaves and two fish and there were 12 baskets filled with scraps that were left over from this!

This is an amazing miracle. Jesus made sure that no-one went hungry. He showed His power as the Son of God and that nothing is impossible for God.

This also demonstrates that God did not intend for anyone to go hungry. We must look after our neighbour and if we can help them in their need. This may be by sharing what we have whether it is our toys or food. We should look after others as God looks after us.

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.