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# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

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Vestment Colour: Green

## **PREPARATION**

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

Today we hear about how it is not always easy to follow Jesus or to accept what God wants to happen in our lives. Even Peter, one of Jesus disciples found it difficult.

**Make the sign of the cross-** a sign of the love God has for us

**Light the candles-** an adult should do this

## **PENITENTIAL ACT**

Adults and children ...think about how you have behaved in the past week. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful? Have your words been fair and kind?

Lead the children in the “sorry song” - sung 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 do better,

Forgive us,

Forgive us.

## **GLORIA**

*You may choose to say or sing an appropriate adaptation of the Gloria from any children's liturgy resource.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

have mercy on us.

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**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

All stand to welcome the Gospel (sing to the tune of “if your 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.

*Alternatively say*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth and the life says the Lord; no one can come to the  
Father except through me.

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL (MARK 8:27-35)**

Select the appropriate Gospel verses from the children's lectionary.

**“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, O Lord”**

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**

Use open questions to encourage discussion and allow the children to say what they have understood from the Word of God. Use what, where how and why?

What do you remember about today's reading?

Jesus asks his friends and disciples who people think he is. Can you remember what answer they give?

What does Peter say?

I wonder how Peter felt when he heard that Jesus his friend was going to suffer and die? – It is sometimes very hard for us to do what God wants us to do, just like it was for Peter, because we are afraid, and we do not want to get hurt, or for those that we love to get hurt. We know that God is always with us and so we can have courage. Can you think of a time when you were afraid and needed courage?

Will you be brave in the coming week? What will you do over the coming week to show that you follow Jesus?

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

This is optional depending on time constraints. You can use bidding prayers prepared by the leaders or ask the children who or what they would like to pray for. Some suggestions are below:

**We are called to follow Jesus and so together we pray:**

**We pray for our brothers and sisters living in poverty: that they may be able to work together and build a better future for themselves. Lord in your mercy....**

**We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we will be true followers of Jesus, reaching out to help the poor, sick, lonely or frightened. Lord in your mercy....**

The prayer ends with “ **Lord, in your mercy**” – all respond – “**Hear our prayer**”.

## **ACTIVITY**

Again, depending on the time available you might like to produce a banner for the children to write how they will follow Jesus this week.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

God of light, as we try to follow you, give us the courage to work with our brothers and sisters to build a fairer world.

End with **Amen**

Select volunteers for the Offertory Procession. This not involved in the procession should quietly return to sit with their family or guardian.