
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Vestment Colour: Green

PREPARATION

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

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear how Jesus valued children and thought they were important. Let us think about how important children around the world are today.

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 light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (MARK 9:30-37)

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 says that anyone who welcomes a child, welcomes Him. What do you think that means?

Jesus is in all of us. No matter who we are young or old, rich or poor. God loves us all.

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 know that God loves us all, just because of who we are, and so together we pray:

We pray for world leaders: that they may see the importance of all their people, especially children. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for all children throughout the world: that they may be valued and loved and have the chance to build a brighter future. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may welcome all people, no matter who they are, and do all that we can to help others to move forward with hope. 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 have the children write a prayer for all children around the world, especially those living in poverty. Make a paper chain of people to represent the importance of children in the world. Encourage them to decorate these to look like their friends.

CLOSING PRAYER

God of hope, we know all people are important, because they are loved by you. Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children.

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.

Useful resources <https://cafod.org.uk/Children-s-Liturgy>