

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B) – 17th October 2021

## **Preparation**

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

## **Introduction**

Today two of the disciples- James and John- ask Jesus a question. What can we all learn from Jesus' answer to their request?

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" – to the tune of Frère Jacques

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.

## **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 10:35- 45**

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?

The disciples-James and John- asked Jesus to give them the most important seats next to Him in Heaven.

What did Jesus say? He said that God had decided who would have each place and that they should not behave this way.

Why was Jesus unhappy with the request?

He told James and John that they should not try to make themselves important, asking for the best seats or expecting people to serve them.

How did Jesus say they should behave?

He said they should be humble and that they should serve others.

Discuss with the children that this is what Jesus Himself did. He is the Son of God, yet He was born in a stable in Bethlehem into a poor family. Unlike the two disciples He did not “show off” or cling to His importance.

Ask the children how they can do what Jesus asks?

( Don't be a show off, give everyone a chance - serve others – so help when you see someone is struggling, be kind and welcoming to others.....)

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Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Help me build the kingdom of Heaven by working together with others to share your love in friendship and harmony with others- just as you taught us to.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help me to use my gifts and talents for the good of all. May the Holy Spirit always guide and protect us throughout our lives so that our words and actions may be pleasing to you.

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.