

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 30th August 2020

Preparation

- If possible arrange candles, a Crucifix and a Gospel or Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

Today we are reminded to follow God's way, as this is the way that leads to eternal life and happiness.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

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.

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”.

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, speak God’s word and keep God’s word in our hearts) **as we say together “Glory to You, O Lord.”**

Matthew 16:21-27

<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”**. Ask everyone to be seated.

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

Peter was upset when he learned that Jesus would die, he asked Jesus not to go and leave him. What did Jesus say to reassure him? He responded that our way is not the same as God's way.

When Jesus died on the Cross he overcame death for us all, so that when we die, we may enjoy eternal life and happiness with God in Heaven.

Sometimes we have to do things that we don't like to or want to do. Although we don't want to-we know that good will come out of it.

Discuss with the children about things that are good that they don't always want to do. (Maybe tidying their room - the outcome is a clean, organised room. Maybe doing homework - the outcome is they have learned something!)

We all experience having to do things we don't want to do. We cannot look into the future and see what the outcome will be or how we will feel if we do certain things. God knows and sees everything that we do. Today we are reminded to trust in him and follow God's way, even when things are difficult.

When we follow God's way, pray and do as he asks of us we will experience peace and true happiness.

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

Lord Jesus,

Our ways are not always the same as yours. Help us to always trust in you and follow the path you have set out for us.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for Your love and mercy.

Help us to always show your love to others through our deeds and actions.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to always show your love to others. May we continue to follow the path you have set out for us with confidence and in doing so lead others to you.

Amen