

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B) – 24th October 2021

Preparation

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

Introduction

Today we hear how Jesus heals a blind man- telling him:“Your faith has saved you.”

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 10:46-52

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?

Jesus was leaving Jericho with His disciples and from the large crowd that had gathered a blind beggar started to shout to Him saying “Son of David ,Have pity on me.”

How did the crowd react?

They told the blind man to stop shouting to Jesus?

What did the blind man do?

He shouted even louder!

What did Jesus do?

He told the crowd to call the blind man to Him. Then Jesus asked Him what he wanted from Him?

What did the blind man ask Jesus?

He asked Jesus to let him see again.

What did Jesus do and say?

Jesus told the man “Go; your faith has saved you” and immediately the man was able to see again and he began to follow Jesus along the road.

What did Jesus mean when He said “ your faith has saved you”?

Discuss with the children that the blind man believed in Jesus. He recognised that Jesus was the Son of God. He didn't give up when the crowd tried to stop him from asking Jesus to listen to him. In fact we are

told that he shouted even louder. He totally trusted Jesus and believed that He would take pity on him and heal him.

What message does this Gospel have for us?

What will happen if we don't give up and keep praying to Jesus?

We know that if we don't give up and that if we pray to Jesus and really believe and have faith in Him that He will always help us just as He helped the blind man and granted His request.

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 always to have faith in You. Help me to say my prayers and never give up trying to live as You ask us to.

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.