

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

Vestment Colour: Green

PREPARATION

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

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear that it is not the size of an offering that is important but the love with which we give it to God. We are warned about self-importance, pride and greed.

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. (Not recited during Advent or Lent).

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!

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (MARK 12:38-44)

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?

What things were the scribes doing that Jesus pointed out to us? (they were wearing long robes so that people would notice them, sitting in the front seats, they said long prayers but at the same time were taking property from the poor)

Why do you think Jesus was warning us about them? (The people were showing off, not thinking about the needs of their neighbours, their actions showed no true love of God).

How much money did the scribes put into the collection? (The scribes put a lot of money in. This amount though was only what they thought they could spare).

Do you think Jesus was impressed by the large amounts of money? (Jesus did not really care about the amount but the lack of love with which it was given).

What did Jesus think about the amount of money put in by the widow? (Jesus saw that the widow had given everything she owned. This showed her faith and love in God. This love touched the heart of 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 thank God for His love for us: may we have the courage to have faith and love in God as shown by the widow in today's Gospel.

We pray for peace in our world especially in the Middle East and Ukraine: that we find peace through our love of God and neighbour.

Lord in your mercy....

We pray for all the poor and lonely: may we see the needs of others around us and act as Jesus would have us do.

Lord in your mercy....

We pray for our parish: that we continue to grow in our love for God.

Lord in your mercy....

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

ACTIVITY

If there is time, use resources to complete an activity with the children.
Possible resources are listed at the end.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Father

May we continue to grow in our love for You. Through Your Son Jesus may we receive the strength and courage to have faith in You.

End with **Amen**

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

Useful resources

CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Children-s-Liturgy>

Children's Liturgy with Emily: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwnLJNMXemY>

Archdiocese of Dunkeld: <https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/resources-for-children-liturgy/>

Search for page entitled 'Resources for Children's Liturgy'

The Liturgy of the Word with Children by Katie Thompson, publisher Kevin Mayhew

