

## Thirty Third Sunday of Year C – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Introduction

Today we are reminded that Jesus will return again. The Holy Spirit helps guide us in our lives so that one day we may share eternal happiness with our Father in Heaven.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. (This is optional, as we have already done this at the start of Holy Mass, but for young children it helps to demonstrate and practice how to do this correctly.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary. An adult lights the candles).

### 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, (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)  
In Your love,  
Help us to do better,  
Help us to be kinder.  
Forgive us,  
Forgive us.

### Gloria (sung)

Choose a children’s version of the Gloria from one of our listed Children’s Liturgy Resource books, or you may have another CL resource. You will probably want to practice your chosen Gloria and use it every week so that everyone becomes familiar with it.

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Jesus says

You are saved

Because you believe in me,

And because you stayed with me.

Alleluia,

Alleluia . (same tune as above)

### **Gospel**

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 136 of Sunday Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 21:7-19

"A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke".

**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."**

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**

In today's Gospel, we hear how the disciples asked Jesus about when the end of the world would take place. Jesus told them that before the world ends people will falsely claim to be the Christ and

that terrible things including wars would happen. Jesus also said that people would hate us because we believe in Him.

What did Jesus say we must do when this happens?  
(We should not be afraid, but believe in Jesus and keep following what He has taught us, living good lives, being honest and truthful, loving and kind. If we do this Jesus has promised to save us and that our reward will be eternal happiness in Heaven).

Jesus said this as a reminder that these things will not last forever but his love for us will.

He will return at the end of time and nothing else will matter but our love for him.

Discuss with the children some of the things they see as a reward (Might be sweets or time on their computer or a present. They remember how they felt when they receive these things but don't always remember what the gift or material possession is)

If we live as followers of Jesus and do as he has commanded us we too will receive a great reward, an eternal one. We will join our Father in Heaven and share in ***everlasting*** happiness.

Remind the children that we do not know the hour or day when Jesus will return therefore we must always be ready, just as we prepare when a special visitor is coming to our house. We prepare for Jesus by sharing our Faith with others. It is not always easy but we know it is worth it in order to receive the ultimate reward.

### **Prayers of the Faithful ( optional/ time dependent)**

You may wish to prepare some of these yourselves or ask the children for their prayers. Here are some suggestions for today:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for your unending love. We know that you are always with us in this life and in the next. Help us live our lives as faithful witnesses of your love.

**Lord, in Your mercy.**

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

**Closing Prayer**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray as we say together the “Our Father”.

“Our Father, who art in heaven ....

Now ask for volunteers for the Offertory Procession. After the procession, children return quietly to sit with their families in church.