

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C –3rd Feb. 2019

Introduction

Today we hear about how Jesus began to read from the scriptures in the temple in Nazareth. The people were in disbelief as he told them he was the Son of God.

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,
In Your love,
Help us to do better,
Help us to be kinder, (sung to tune of Frere Jacques)
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.
Heal us Lord
With Your Word,
Your Word is all we need Lord, (same tune as above)
Your Word is all we need Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary. This week it's on page 71 of "Sunday. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted for Children." (Year C)

Luke 4:15, 22-30

"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 the Gospel last week Jesus told the people he was the one sent by God. What prophet previously foretold that God would send the Messiah?

(The prophet Isaiah)

Jesus is teaching in the synagogue in His own home town of Nazareth and the people are both amazed and upset by what he says.

Why were the people upset with what Jesus was telling them?(They thought he was being dishonest with them as they believed he was the Son of Mary and Joseph)

How do you think this made Jesus feel?

(The children may give mixed responses, including that he was shocked and disappointed that they did not believe him or they may say it was what he expected because it was the first time the people were hearing this)

What message did Jesus share with the people?

(He told them that no prophet is ever accepted by his own people. He told them about God's great love for them, no matter what)

Discuss with the children the way God loves them. God's love for them never changes and He loves everybody equally.

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:

Lord Jesus, help us to always be open to God's love for us. Increase our faith in you and strengthen us to share your love with everybody we meet.

Lord, in Your mercy.

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

Lord Jesus, help us to have courage and strength to share the good news of the Gospel through our actions and words every day.

Lord, in Your mercy.

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

Closing Prayer

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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