

## **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Preparation**

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

### **Introduction**

Today we are reminded of God's great love for us all. He made the world and everything in it. We are responsible for taking care of the world and all the creatures, peoples and natural resources in it and sharing God's message of love.

### **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 21:33-43**

<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**

Can you remember what happened in the Gospel today?

In today's Gospel we hear the story of a farmer who owned a Vineyard. The Farm Workers who were left in charge of it did not treat the servants fairly when they were sent to collect the Farmer's wine.

The Farmer was not happy about this and sent his own son out to the Vineyard to collect his wine instead. Something happened that surprised him. What was it?

The Farm Workers also killed the Farmer's Son. He thought his own son would have been treated better than this and that they would have respected and listened to him and given him the wine.

This was all part of a story (Parable) told by Jesus. He asked the people "What will the Farmer do when he arrives at the Vineyard and sees what has happened to his son?"

The people agreed that the Farmer would be very upset and punish the Workers who were responsible for this.

We can think of the Vineyard as our World. Rather than a Farmer in charge, we have God. He created the World and everyone in it. We must answer to God for what we say and do.

When you stop and think about the way you behave and treat others, would God, who sees all, be happy to see it?

Take a few moments to reflect...Do you:

- Care for the environment?
- Care for others?
- Show kindness and patience when it's easy not to?
- Do you make good choices even when you think nobody sees you?

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

Lord Jesus,

Help us to share your message of love with all those we meet. May we lead by example and always strive to do what is right.

**Lord, in Your mercy.**

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

Lord Jesus,

May we show patience and mercy to those in need. Help us to look after and share the world and all it's good produce with everyone.

**Lord, in Your mercy.**

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

## **Closing Prayer**

**Lord Jesus. Thank you for the world and all that is in it. May we always treat everyone in our world in a fair and respectful way. Help us to share your message of HOPE and LOVE with all those we meet.**

**Amen**