

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A – 10th May 2020

Preparation

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

Introduction

Today is the fifth Sunday in the Easter Season.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us.

An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they 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".

We are sorry, *(To the Tune of Frere Jacques)*
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. John

All say "Glory to You Oh Lord" while making a cross on your forehead, on your lips and on your heart.

John 14:1-12 (refer to) <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children's> liturgy

(It is acceptable to omit the final part of the Gospel "Philip said to Him... onwards and just finish at and concentrate on Jesus as "the way the truth and the life.")

Finish by saying: The Gospel of the Lord

All reply : Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

Why were the disciples worried and sad in today's Gospel?

Jesus was telling them that He was going away and they did not want him to leave them.

Why did Jesus say He was going? (Jesus told the disciples that He was going away to prepare a place for them and that he would return to take them with Him).

What else did Jesus tell His disciples- the thing that made Thomas ask Him a question? What did Thomas ask Jesus? (Jesus told the disciples that they knew the way to where He was going, but Thomas asked how could they know the way when they didn't even know where He was going?

What was the answer that Jesus gave Thomas?

Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the truth and I am the life. Anyone who wants to come to the Father must come through me."

Discuss what Jesus meant when He said "I am the way."

(If we live like Jesus, showing love and kindness to others, being good, truthful and helpful, sharing and not being selfish, and looking after one another – that is the way to Heaven where we will find true happiness with God).

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus, Help me to live a good life by following Your Way.

Lord in Your Mercy
-Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus, guide me down the right path. Even when I am afraid give me courage.

Lord in Your Mercy
-Hear our Prayer

Closing Prayer

Jesus, Thank You for showing us Your goodness so that we may know the Way to Heaven.

For Parents or Carers reading this at home, there are some further resources on the Archdiocesan website including some craft ideas to prepare in advance to help with reflection or enjoy afterwards.