

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A – 17th May 2020

Preparation

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

Introduction

Today is the sixth 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 14:15-21 (refer to) <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children's> liturgy

Finish by saying: The Gospel of the Lord

All reply : Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

What did Jesus tell His disciples they should do in today's Gospel?

(Jesus says that if they really love Him they will keep His commandments).

What does Jesus mean when He says this?

(Discuss what the main two commandments are; Love God and love others).

How do we show that we love God?

(Discuss the children how they show God that they love Him – by talking to Him in prayer, saying thank you for all the good things He has done for them, by asking for help to be good, by saying sorry when we have not been as kind or helpful/loving as we should be to those around us).

Discuss with the children that if we really love God we will show this love in our lives in the way we treat others, by being good to them. Ask the children for examples of how they should treat those around them.

In the Gospel Jesus was said that he would pray to His Father to send some special help for them? Who did he say the Father would send to help?

(Jesus said that He would ask His Father to send the Holy Spirit to help the disciples to give them courage to live good lives and to do the right thing even when that is difficult. He said this so that they would not feel alone when He died on the Cross and rose at the Resurrection and went to Heaven).

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus, Help me to love You as I should by keeping your commandments.

Lord in Your Mercy
-Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus, Help us to show your love to others by being kind, thoughtful and caring.

Lord in Your Mercy
-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.

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.