

8 November 2020 - Year A – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Introduction

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a story about being prepared and ready. We want to be prepared and ready to meet God and the best way to do this is by showing God's love to others every day. Let's not waste time or delay, but be good today!

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". (To the tune of Frere Jacques)

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: “**The Gospel of the Lord.**”

All reply : “Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ”

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

What did you hear in today’s Gospel? Build on the points that the children remember. Be sure to include the following:

Tell me about a time that you had to prepare for an activity (sports, school, party) and what you did? How did you feel when it was time for the activity?

Have you ever forgotten to prepare for an activity? How did that feel?

In today’s Gospel, which people prepared? Which people did not prepare? What was the result?

What do you think that God is teaching us in this Gospel?

To always be ready to meet Him, because we don’t know when He will come to us.

What can we do to be ready to meet God?

Do as He teaches us – be kind, helpful, forgiving and happy.

What will you do in the next week to be ready to meet God?

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for all the people in our lives that help us to prepare for your coming – our family, friends and teachers.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer .”**

Lord Jesus,

Help us to always do your will and be open to meeting you when you come.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Lord Jesus,

Grant eternal peace and joy to all of our family, friends and teachers who are with you now in Heaven.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer .”**

Closing Prayer

God our Father, we pray for our family, friends and teachers who have died and joined you in Heaven. We look forward to all being happy together again with you.