
CHRIST THE KING (YEAR B)

24TH NOVEMBER 2024

Vestment Colour: White

PREPARATION

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

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel we hear Jesus answering Pilate's question – are you king of the Jews? Jesus tells him that He is a King but not of this world.

Make the sign of the cross- a sign of the love God has for us

Light the candles- an adult should do this

PENITENTIAL ACT

Adults and children ...think about how you have behaved in the past week. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful? Have your words been fair and kind?

Lead the children in the “sorry song”- sung 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 do better,
Forgive us,
Forgive us.

GLORIA

You may choose to say or sing an appropriate adaptation of the Gloria from any children’s liturgy resource. (Not recited during Advent or Lent).

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you; we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand to welcome the Gospel (sing to the tune of “if your 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.

Alternatively say

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (JOHN 18:33-37)

Select the appropriate Gospel verses from the children's lectionary.

“A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John”

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, we speak God's word and we 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”**

LEAD A DISCUSSION ON THE GOSPEL

Use open questions to encourage discussion and allow the children to say what they have understood from the Word of God. Use what, where how and why?

What do you remember about today's reading?

What question did Pilate ask Jesus? (He asks if Jesus is a king).

What did Jesus answer? (Jesus tells Pilate that he is a king but not of this world).

What is your idea of what a king is like? (Crowns, jewels, palaces and servants).

How is this different to what we now of Jesus? (Jesus is poor, He does not have riches or fine clothes. He loves everyone and is the truth.)

What do you think Pilate thought on hearing Jesus answer? (He might have been confused because Jesus did not look like a king. Maybe he was afraid that Jesus might cause an uprising against the Romans. If he lets Jesus go the Jews might revolt against the Romans).

Do you think Jesus is brave to be truthful knowing that He will die at the hand of Pilate?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

This is optional depending on time constraints. You can use bidding prayers prepared by the leaders or ask the children who or what they would like to pray for. Some suggestions are below:

We thank God for His love for us: may we always be ready to stand up for His truth.

We pray for kings, queens and all world leaders: May they rule with truth and respect for all.

Lord in your mercy....

We pray for all those who are sick or in pain: May they follow the example of Jesus by facing their difficulties with strength.

Lord in your mercy....

We pray for our parish family: May we recognise truth and have the strength to stand up for the truth as Jesus did.

Lord in your mercy....

The prayer ends with “ **Lord, in your mercy**” – all respond – “**Hear our prayer**”.

ACTIVITY

If there is time, use resources to complete an activity with the children. Possible resources are listed at the end.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Father

Help us to have the faith to follow Jesus even in times of difficulty. May we know Your love always.

End with **Amen**

Select volunteers for the Offertory Procession. Those not involved in the procession should quietly return to sit with their family or guardian.

Useful resources

CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Children-s-Liturgy>

Children's Liturgy with Emily: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwnLJNMXemY>

Archdiocese of Dunkeld: <https://www.dunkelldiocese.co.uk/resources-for-children-liturgy/>

Search for page entitled 'Resources for Children's Liturgy'

The Liturgy of the Word with Children by Katie Thompson, publisher Kevin Mayhew