

Solemnity of Christ The King 22nd November 2020 - Year A

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

Introduction

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples about the kind of people that His Father will welcome into Heaven. These are the people that show God's love to everyone recognising Jesus is in all of us. Small everyday acts of kindness are the road to Heaven!

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 25:31-46

<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”

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:

In the story Jesus told His disciples today there were two groups of people. At the end of time God divided people into two groups one on His right and the other on His left side. Can you remember them? What kind of people were the first group – the group on the right? Were they kind and thoughtful?

The people on the right side were kind and thoughtful.

Can you remember what they did? (Fed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, welcomed strangers, gave clothes to those who had none, looked after the sick and visited those in prison).

What did these people say when they were told they had done this?

(They asked “When Lord did we see You hungry and feed You, thirsty...” etc.)

How did Jesus reply/(He told them that whenever they helped the least of His people on earth- they helped Him).

Ask the same questions about the group on the left and side.

How can we be like the good people in the Gospel today? (Feed the hungry – donate to a food bank, tell the teacher if someone has forgotten their lunch and needs food, share your toys with the person who has none, include and welcome the new person in your class at school, give your clothes to the charity shop.... **What will you do to help Jesus this week?**

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for all the blessings You have given us: for our parents and families, brothers and sisters, for the home we live in, the food we eat and the clothes we wear. Help us always to be kind and look after others that do not have these many blessings.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer .”**

Lord Jesus,

Help us never to be selfish and blind to the needs of others. Help us to recognise that when we treat others well or badly we do the same to You.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer.”**

Lord Jesus,

Especially in this month of November – the month of the Holy Souls- grant eternal peace and joy to all of our family, friends, priests and teachers who are with you now in Heaven.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer .”**

Closing Prayer

For all the dead especially those dear to us:

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord.

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed,

Through the mercy of God

Rest in peace. Amen