

Feast of Christ the King (Yr B) – 21st November 2021

Preparation

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

Introduction

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus Christ is our King. One day He will return again in full glory.

As we gather today, we thank God for our everyone God has given to us in our lives. We know that God is with us, helping us always especially when times are difficult.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Adults and children think about how you 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 Frère 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 (1)

Gospel of John 18: 33-37

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 Oh Lord”

Use this link to read the Gospel if you don't have a Sunday Missal

<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 happened in today’s Gospel?

Jesus was brought before a man called Pontius Pilate. The Jews felt threatened by Jesus because they thought he wanted to be the most powerful man - the King. They wanted to get rid of him so they sentenced him to death.

How did Jesus respond when they said he was to be put to death?

He told them he was not a king of this world but of Heaven. He told them that he was the Son of God.

What did Jesus say his purpose was?

He said he was the Son of God - the Messiah. He came into the world to share truth, love and goodness with others. He came to teach about the Kingdom of God.

Maybe there’s been a time in your life when you’ve been accused of something that you did not do. How do you respond?

Are you quick to show anger and rage or do you show love through it and speak the truth, just as Jesus did? Do you wait until the situation calms down before going back to your accuser?

What did Jesus do to prove he really is our King?

After being put to death on the Cross Jesus rose from the dead again after three days and showed that he was the King! He conquered death and took on our sins so that we too may have a share in the Kingdom of Heaven. We celebrate this resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Today we celebrate the Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ the King of Heaven and Earth – King of all the Universe!

Prayers of the Faithful:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending us your only Son to live among us. May his life be an example of your love for all of us forever.

Father in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

Lord Jesus,

May the Gospel serve as a daily reminder to us of what is to come when we follow you and join you in Heaven one day. May we always strive to become followers of Jesus Christ, our King.

Lord in Your Mercy -Hear our Prayer

We can also say the following prayer as a Spiritual Communion: Spiritual Communion (Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,

I believe You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my soul,

I embrace You as if You were already come,

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, Help us to love You as we should and to show Your love to others- especially to those who are poor or sick or lonely. Amen.

References

1. The Complete Children's Liturgy Book. Katie Thomson, published by Kevin Mayhew. P.238

