
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C 19TH JANUARY 2025

PREPARATION

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

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear about Jesus and his first miracle of turning water to wine. Jesus does this in response to a request from Mary his mother.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us. This is optional, as we have already done this at the start of Holy Mass, but for young children it helps to demonstrate and practice how to do this correctly.

Light the candles on the table next to the Lectionary. An adult lights the candles.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the “Sorry Song”. (sung to 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)

Choose a children's version of the Gloria from one of our listed Children's Liturgy Resource books, or you may have another CL resource. You will probably want to practice your chosen Gloria and use it every week so that everyone becomes familiar with it.

Alternatively say

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

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:** (Sung to dingle dangle scarecrow)

Deeper than any ocean and much wider than the sea, that's how much love Jesus has for you and me.

So, to welcome today's gospel let's sing Alleluia. As we listen to God's word may it fill us with His love.

Alternatively say

Alleluia, alleluia

God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Select the correct Gospel from your copy of the children's liturgy for Year C.
Alternatively read today's Gospel

JOHN 2: 1-11

"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, speak God's word and keep God's word in our hearts) as we say together

"Glory to You or 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."

Ask everyone to be seated.

LEAD A DISCUSSION ON THE GOSPEL

- ❖ Can you remember why Jesus and his friends went to Cana? (They were attending a wedding feast)
- ❖ Who else was at the wedding feast? (Mary the mother of Jesus)
- ❖ What happened at the feast? (the bride and groom ran out of wine for the guests)
- ❖ What did Mary do when she heard what had happened? (Mary felt sorry for the couple and went to Jesus to ask for his help)
- ❖ Can you remember what Jesus did? (Jesus answered His mother's request. Jesus performed His first miracle by changing water into wine)
- ❖ What does this Gospel tell us? (That Mary cares about us. Mary will ask her son to help us when we need help. Jesus will help us when Mary His mother asks)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

This is optional/time dependent.

You may wish to prepare some of these yourself or ask the children for their prayers. Here are some suggestions.

- ❖ Dear Jesus
May all newly wed couples share in lasting joy and happiness together.

“Lord hear us”

All reply, “Lord graciously hear us”.

- ❖ Dear Jesus
May the leaders of all nations respect and protect all under their care.

“Lord hear us”

All reply, “Lord graciously hear us”.

- ❖ Dear Jesus

May all those affect by war and violence find healing and peace.

Lord hear us

All reply, “Lord graciously hear us”.

ACTIVITY

If there is time look to your children’s liturgy book for an activity that the children can do. There are some resources available at the end of this document.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus

As we celebrate with You today may we know Your love for us and follow Your example.

Amen

Now ask for volunteers for the Offertory Procession. After the procession, children return quietly to sit with their families/guardian in church.

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