

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16th February 2025

Vestment Colour: Green

Preparation

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

Introduction

Today we hear how Jesus told the crowds where true happiness comes from and what we can do to experience it.

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 in to be kinder,
Forgive us,
Forgive us.

Gloria

Choose a children's version of the Gloria from one of our listed Children's Liturgy Resource books, or you may have another Children's Liturgy 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:** (same tune as above)

Alleluia, alleluia,
Listen well,
To God's Word
Hear the Word
And live it,
Hear the Word,
And live it,
Live it well,
And be blessed

Alternatively say:

Alleluia, alleluia
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
For behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia

Gospel

Select the correct Gospel from the Children's Lectionary Year C. Alternatively use the Gospel in the ESV-CE lectionary.

Luke 6:17,20-26

"A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke".

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, 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.**"

Ask everyone to be seated.

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

- Why did the people gather to listen to Jesus?
(They wanted to hear what he was going to say and some wanted to be cured as they were very ill)
- What is a sermon? (Explain to the children that this was a very special one called “The Sermon on the Mount”).
- What were some of the things Jesus said that day about happiness?
(Children will give examples of the ‘Beatitudes’ Happy are those... from the Gospel)
- Ask the children what Jesus meant by saying people would be happy with these things?
(Jesus’ message was that God’s love is enough and leads to happiness no matter what else is happening. No possessions in this world can provide the kind of happiness that God provides)
- What does God ask us to do when we experience this happiness?
(We are asked to share God’s love with others through our words and actions)

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

Lord Jesus,

Help us to remember that you are the source of true happiness. Your love is worth more to us than any possessions.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: “**Hear our prayer.**”

Lord Jesus,

Help us to allow your love to fill our lives each and every day.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: “**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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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