

WORSHIP @ HOME

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 28 June 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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Preparation

There are a few things you need to do to get ready before you begin.

- We recommend glancing through the whole service before you start. **Adapt the service for your family**, especially so it will be age-appropriate.
- You could make the setting special by using a white table cloth and setting some candles out. Get the whole family involved in the preparations.
- **Place your family Bible on the table**, if you have one, opened up to the Gospel of the day (Matthew 10:37-42)
- **The script has leader and various reader parts.** Anyone old enough to read well can perform these roles.
- **An iPad/tablet computer** or large phone could work well for reading the script. **It would be helpful to have two devices** for multiple people to read. To access the slideshow and hymns, visit: <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-06-28>
- **Don't worry**, you don't have to do this perfectly. Have some fun with it. Let's pray!

JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **Silence and set aside all phones** or other devices that may interrupt you.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video for this opening song, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

GREETING

Leader: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God forever.
The response is: Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: We gather together as a family
to remember how Jesus gathered us around one table.
One with all of our sisters and brothers throughout the world,
let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

LITANY IN PRAISE OF GOD'S MERCY

Together, we acknowledge how grateful we are for the mercy of God.

Leader: As we prepare to hear about God's plan for the world,
let us remember that God works through us and through our love.

Lord Jesus, you take away our fear in times of trouble:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds after we hurt each other:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you remind us that every person is a child of God:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Pause for a short time for everyone to pray in silence. Then pray the following out loud, carefully and with meaning.

Leader: God of Strength,
you have created us to live in freedom and joy
and given us all a dignity that can never be taken away.

May we be strong and courageous,
always working to lift others up
and living with compassion and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ALLELUIA

Play the video. Listen to the refrain the first time, then sing together when it repeats.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aTe0M_n_cE&feature=emb_logo

GOSPEL

Lead your family in this action prayer, making the Sign of the Cross over your forehead, lips, and heart at each step.

Reader 1: In today's reading, we hear some invitations, challenges, and promises from Jesus.

We now do this action prayer together:

May the Lord be on my mind, †

on my lips, †

and in my heart †

as we hear the Gospel today.

A reading from the holy Gospel of Matthew.

This text is based on the translation used in the Lectionary for Masses with Children and is easier for young people to understand.

Reader 1: If you love your father or mother or even your sons and daughters more than me,
you are not fit to be my disciples.
And unless you are willing to take up your cross and come with me,
you are not fit to be my disciples.
If you try to save your life, you will lose it.
But if you give it up for me, you will surely find it.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.
And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.
Anyone who welcomes a prophet, just because that person is a prophet,
will be given the same reward as a prophet.
Anyone who welcomes a good person, just because that person is good,
will be given the same reward as a good person.
And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers a cup of cool water,
just because that person is my follower, will surely be rewarded.

Matthew 10:37-42. From the Contemporary English Version, copyright © American Bible Society, 1991, 1995.

Reader 2: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL VIDEO REFLECTION

This cartoon video for younger children tells about a very similar reading earlier in Matthew's Gospel. Pay attention to what is the same and what is different about the two readings.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=Vg2b4kKDM8k&feature=emb_logo

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Take some time to talk together about what the readings mean to each of you. You can do this however you would like, but here are some thoughts and questions that can get you started.

- This is a strange and confusing reading today! Jesus doesn't mean it's wrong to love our parents and siblings and friends a lot—even A LOT, A LOT! When we love people, we are loving Jesus, because he said he is present in everyone! But if there is any time when what we do or say because of other people, even family members, goes against how he taught us to live, then we are putting them ahead of him. What are some examples of when this might happen?
- Sometimes we have to give up (or lose) one way of living that isn't so good for us so that we can find, or save, an even better life. Jesus always wants us to have the most loving, joyful, fulfilling life we can, but sometimes that means letting go of things that our society says we should have. Talk about some examples of how giving up something might lead to an even better life.
- There are lots of places in the Gospels where Jesus tells us that whatever we do to others is what we do for him. Can you think of some people in your life that you wouldn't normally spend time with or help but maybe you can now, remembering that Jesus is inside of them?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Now let's pray together to God for what we need.

Reader 2: For all those who are close to us and those who are far from us who are still struggling because of the coronavirus pandemic, that they may find new courage to continue the fight, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all those who are unjustly treated, hurt, or killed because of discrimination or hatred, that they may trust in God's special care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: That we may have the strength and the courage to speak up and act for the things that Jesus taught, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For what else and for who else shall we pray?

Allow time for anyone else to speak prayers aloud.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Let us now offer each another a sign of peace.

Share some hugs!

A LITANY FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: The response is: Lord, bring us closer to you!

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
we wish we could gather today with our parish community,
but we gather here out of love and concern for others.
You teach us that when two or three are gathered in your name,
you are there.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are present in a special way
when bread and wine are turned into your Body and Blood.
Since we cannot receive you in this way today,
We ask that you enter our hearts
so that we may receive you spiritually.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Concluding Rite

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

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After the Service

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Take a picture of your family in your worship area and share it on social media (tag it with **#HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome**).

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