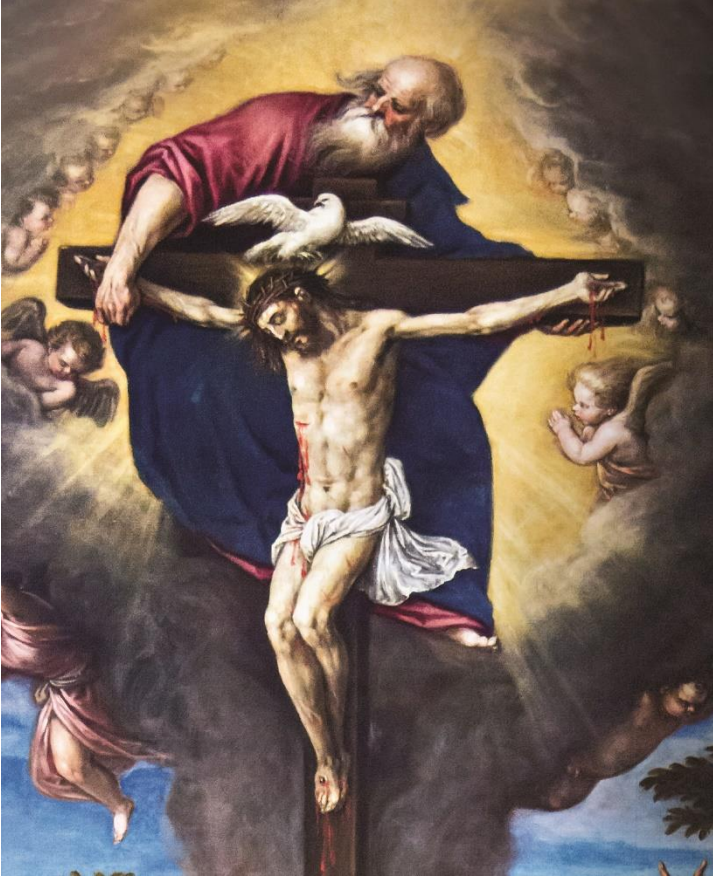


WORSHIP @ HOME
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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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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 (John 3:16-18)
- **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/2020-06-07>
- **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 learn from how God is a family: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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 love for us,
let us remember that God sent his Son not to judge us, but to save us,
for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

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 justice,
you have created people in many beautiful colours
and given us all a dignity that can never be taken away.
May we all do our part to respect that dignity,
that we may always seek out for others
the justice we seek for ourselves.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader 1: Today's reading comes just before God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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: Early the next morning, Moses carried two flat stones to the top of Mount Sinai, just as the Lord had commanded.
The Lord God came down in a cloud and stood beside Moses there on the mountain.
God spoke his holy name, "the Lord."
Then he passed in front of Moses and called out,
"I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted."
Moses quickly bowed down to the ground and worshiped the Lord.
He prayed, "Lord, if you really are pleased with me, I pray that you will go with us.
It is true that these people are sinful and rebellious, but forgive our sin and let us be your people."

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9. Common English Version. This is the translation used in Children's Liturgy of the Word or in Masses with Children. Copyright © 1995 by [American Bible Society](http://www.americansociety.org)

Reader 1: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING ILLUSTRATION

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

Pause for a few moments before continuing.

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: Today's reading includes one of the most popular verses in the whole Bible.

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 John.

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

Reader 2: God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people.
He sent him to save them!
No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned.
But everyone who doesn't have faith in him
has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son.

John 3:16-18. 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.

READING ILLUSTRATION

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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.

- In the first reading Moses talks to God just before God gives him the Ten Commandments to teach the people. This reading reminds us that God doesn't make up rules just to make up rules,

but because God loves us and wants the best for us. God is “slow to anger,” forgiving, kind, and faithful. Think about some of the rules in your household (including some that you might not like). How are they intended to be what is best for you and others (e.g. keeping you safe and healthy, helping you become a better person, protecting others)?

- Unfortunately, people can do very hurtful and terrible things to each other. Today's readings tell us that God does not want to punish us, but wants to help us learn how to become more loving people. Sometimes there are consequences when we do something wrong, but what are other ways that we can become a better person? (e.g. understanding how others are hurt, protecting others who need help, practicing good deeds, thinking about how we can help others).
- The Gospel reading reminds us that Jesus didn't come to judge people and find fault with them. Jesus came to teach us how to live so that we can have the best life possible. When have we judged others or found fault with them instead of being compassionate with them?
- The last part of the reading tells us that it isn't our place to condemn others if they don't share our faith. Jesus never forced anyone to do anything. Have we ever judged others because they don't share our faith? Can we leave the judging to God instead?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

Reader 2: For everyone in our family, or communities, and the whole world who is sick with the coronavirus or anything else, that they may feel the Holy Spirit inside of them and know that Jesus hasn't left them alone, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all those who suffer in our country because of injustice and judgment because of their skin color, their religion, or any other form of discrimination. May we all work for justice because every single person is a child of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that our country may find peaceful ways to stand up for what is right, and we pray for the safety and protection of all. 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.

After the Service

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

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

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