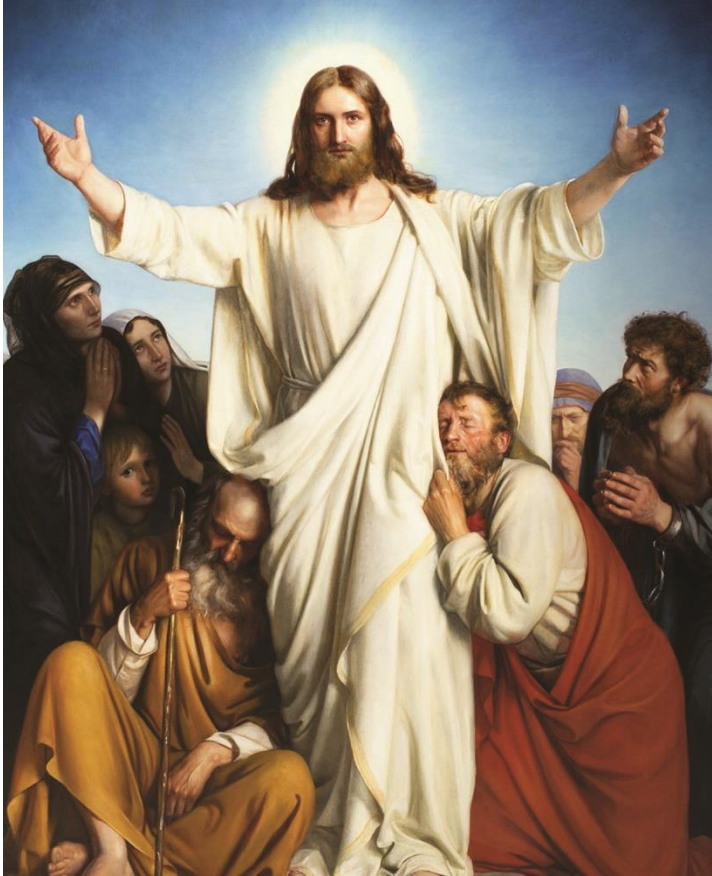


WORSHIP @ HOME

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 5 July 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you
who labor and are
burdened, and I will
give you rest.”
- Mt 11:28

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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 11:25-30)
- **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/2020-07-05>
- **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 Jesus' invitation for us to live life to its fullest.
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.

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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, Jesus helps us understand that following him is not a chore, but a way to make our lives better.

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: At that moment Jesus said:

My Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to
ordinary people.
Yes, Father, that is what pleased you.

My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son.
The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son.
But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too.

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest.
Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.
I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.
This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Matthew 11:25-30. 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

In this video, kids explain what Jesus meant about his yoke being easy.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwvfMANTYcl&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.

- Jesus turns a lot of our thinking upside-down. According to him, it's not always the adults, the well-educated, or the powerful people who understand what's most important in life: often it is children or "ordinary" people. This passage today is a reminder that adults have a lot they can learn from children. What lessons do you think adults can learn from children?
- Sometimes the way Jesus talks about the Son and the Father can be confusing. What he's trying to say is that if we know Jesus, we will know God, because Jesus is "God with skin on." We can't see God, and now we can't see Jesus like his friends did 2,000 years ago, but when we pay attention to how he acted, what he did for others, and how he talked and spent time with people then we will know what God is like. What are some things Jesus did or said that give us a glimpse of what God wants for the world?
- In ancient times, animals had to wear heavy yokes to keep them working together to plow a field or pull heavy things. A yoke meant hard work for them. Jesus tells us that he doesn't put heavy burdens on us like other people might want to—his yoke is light and he wants to give us rest. What would you like to ask Jesus for rest from now?

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

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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