

## WORSHIP @ HOME

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • 27 September 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”  
- Mt 21:32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

## 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 21:28-32)
- **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/2020-09-27>
- **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.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Y62EkDT7zQ>

### 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 listen to God's Word and let it inspire us.  
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 a story from our faith,  
let us remember that God is merciful and wants us to be merciful too.

Lord Jesus, you know that we are not perfect like you and don't always act out of love:  
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you help us to grow closer to you and to each other:  
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you guide us to become better followers, walking in your footsteps:  
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 Creation,  
you show us your love for us again and again  
and ask us to do your will.

May we follow your Son and respond  
even when it's hard  
or when we're distracted  
or when we would rather do something else.

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=DZc76QdNpPw&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZc76QdNpPw&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, Jesus tells a story about two sons and what they do differently when their father assigns them their chores.

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: Jesus said:

I will tell you a story about a man who had two sons. Then you can tell me what you think.  
The father went to the older son and said, "Go work in the vineyard today!"

His son told him that he would not do it, but later he changed his mind and went. The man then told his younger son to go work in the vineyard. The boy said he would, but he didn't go.  
Which one of the sons obeyed his father?

"The older one," the chief priests and leaders answered.

Then Jesus told them:

You can be sure that tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you ever will!

When John the Baptist showed you how to do right, you would not believe him. But these evil people did believe.

And even when you saw what they did, you still would not change your minds and believe.

*Matthew 21:28-32. From the Contemporary English Version, copyright © American Bible Society, 1991, 1995.*

Reader 1: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL VIDEO RETELLING

*This cartoon video for younger children retells this story.*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEz1rkZj7dU&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEz1rkZj7dU&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.*

- When have you promised to do something, but then you didn't follow through on your promise? How did you feel afterwards?
- When has someone asked you to do something for them that you said you wouldn't do, but then you changed your mind and did it anyway? How did you feel after that?
- In this passage today, Jesus was talking to the people who everyone thought of as "good people," the chief priests and elders. Surprisingly, he says that those who many considered "bad people" (tax collectors and prostitutes) were going to get into heaven before the good people. Who do you know—or who have you heard stories of—who did something bad but then changed and became a better person?

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

Reader 2: For all students, teachers, and others who work in education that they may remain safe and be able to learn well this year, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all of those who are struggling during this pandemic time,  
with health, finances, loneliness, or other challenges,  
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: 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.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXT5cXzcMyc>

---

## 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**).

### PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH

Your parish still has to pay the electric bill and your staff, even when public Masses are cancelled. If you haven't already, sign up for electronic payments or mail in a check today. Planned Giving Forms and online donation portal are available on the parish website: <https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations/>. Or you can send your donation to:

*FIRST COLLECTION: For the Augustinian Clergy*

Account Name: Augustinian Fathers  
Bank: CBA  
BSB: 067 950  
Account Number: 000 030 02

*SECOND COLLECITON: For the Parish*

Account Name: Holy Spirit Parish St Clair  
Bank: CBA  
BSB: 067 950  
Account Number: 000 005 78

*Portions excerpted from or adapted from Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest: Leader's Guide © 1993 United States Catholic Conference (USCC), 3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017-1194 USA. All rights reserved. © 2020 The Pastoral Center. All rights reserved.*