

WORSHIP @ HOME

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 11 October 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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“Come to the feast.”
- Mt 22:4bc

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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 22:1-10)
- **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/2020-10-11>
- **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 listen to God's Word so it can lead us this week.
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 showed us that the last shall be first and the first shall be last:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you give us the strength we need to make good choices:
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 Love,
you stand for justice
and are always on the side of the weak.

May we work toward a better world,
seeking what is best for all,
not just our friends or people who look like us.

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

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, this time about a party.

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: Once again Jesus used stories to teach the people:

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a king gave a wedding banquet for his son.

The king sent some servants to tell the invited guests to come to the banquet, but the guests refused.

He sent other servants to say to the guests,

“The banquet is ready! My cattle and prize calves have all been prepared. Everything is ready. Come to the banquet!”

But the guests did not pay any attention.
Some of them left for their farms, and some went to their places of business.
Others grabbed the servants, then beat them up and killed them.

This made the king so furious that he sent an army to kill those murderers and burn down their city.

Then he said to the servants,

“It is time for the wedding banquet, and the invited guests don’t deserve to come. Go out to the street corners and tell everyone you meet to come to the banquet.”

They went out on the streets and brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike.

And the banquet room was filled with guests.

Matthew 22:1-10. 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

The following is a cartoon retelling of this parable as it appears in Luke's Gospel (Luke 14:12-24). Some of the details are a little bit different.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEbwiQvo5k4&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.

- As always, Jesus’ parable has a message for us today. Consider the Eucharist as the wedding feast. The Eucharist is, after all, a banquet. In the Eucharist we are invited to become one with Jesus who forgives our sins, offers us new life and calls us to a closer communion with all of creation. It is a glorious celebration of Jesus’ love and his sacrifice on the cross.
- At the offertory we are invited to offer our own lives with Jesus’ so that “through him, with him, in him through the power of the Holy Spirit” we can give glory to God. When we say or sing the great “Amen,” we are saying yes to God, and yes to all that the Eucharist entails.
- Sometimes we forget that attending Sunday liturgy requires more than just showing up at church. We need to actively respond to God’s invitation by participating in the Mass. Even on those days when we don’t have the energy to say the prayers or sing the songs, we can make an effort. We can at least lift up our weary hearts in silent prayer and offer our busy, over-extended lives in sacrifice.
- Teach your children some of the prayers and simple responses we say at Mass. Say them together before meals. Say a prayer together on the way to church and suggest family members take some time to say “yes” to God’s invitation. Consciously choose to put on the right disposition to participate in the great feast to which we have been invited.

- **FAMILY RESPONSE:** Have some quiet prayer time before you leave for Sunday Mass, or ask for a minute of silence in the car on the way to church. Ask everyone to remember what a special gift it is to pray together with your parish family.
- **PERSONAL RESPONSE:** At the end of the Mass, the priest asks you to go out and share the peace of God with others. How can you do that this week? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

Reader 2: We pray for all the leaders in our nation, states, and local communities, that they may lead with wisdom, justice, and love for all, 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.

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After the Service

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