

WORSHIP @ HOME

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 18 October 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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“Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God.”
- Mt 22:21

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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 22:15-21)
- **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/2020-10-18>
- **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 gives a clever answer to a trick question.

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: The Pharisees got together and planned how they could trick Jesus into saying something wrong.
They sent some of their followers and some of Herod's followers to say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest.
You teach the truth about what God wants people to do.
And you treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are.
Tell us what you think! Should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?"

Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said,
“Why are you trying to test me? You show-offs!
Let me see one of the coins used for paying taxes.”
They brought him a silver coin, and he asked,
“Whose picture and name are on it?”

“The Emperor’s,” they answered.

Then Jesus told them,
“Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God.”

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Reader 1: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL VIDEO REFLECTION

Here's a eight minute video for kids that reflects on this Gospel reading and asks what belongs .

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wA15KA14-3E&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.

- Money and God: how do they relate? We need money to take care of our temporal needs—things like housing, food, clothes, electricity. It occurred to me that the more we advance technologically as a society, the more expensive it is to raise a family. I remember looking at the back-to-school ads last September and marveling at the cost of the bare necessities for today’s students. Perhaps that’s the relationship of money to God—we need money for the necessities, and we need God to help us figure out just what those necessities are.
- There is so much out there to spend money on. Things we want, but could really do without. Every year there are new products or updated versions of older products to entice our youngsters. Part of being a responsible Christian parent is teaching your children to learn to live without, to share what they have, and give from their bounty. We do this to help them discover what the real necessities of life are.
- Help your children come up with a list of what they think they need. Have them pare the list down until they have what they consider are absolute necessities. Remind your children that they are a part of God’s family, and some of their brothers and sisters do not even have food or shelter.
- Find a particular agency or cause to support. Occasionally, when we are tempted to buy something we don’t absolutely need, we give the money instead to “our family cause.” Encourage children to give away a comparable item they already own for every new toy they receive. Consider doing the same for every new article of clothing you buy.
- FAMILY RESPONSE: Talk about the reading above. Send everyone off to find two things they are willing to give to those who are in need. Come back together and talk about how it feels to give something up.
- INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE: What two things did you bring back to the group? How do you feel about giving them up?

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

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