

## WORSHIP @ HOME

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - A • 15 November 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

– Mt 25:21

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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 green 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 25:14-29)
- **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/2020-11-15>
- **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

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### OPENING SONG (OPTIONAL)

*Play the video below and scroll down to the lyrics so you can sing along.*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAIHVJ4RsoE&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAIHVJ4RsoE&feature=emb_logo)

Gathered here, we see we are one family.  
Love is what we need.  
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Love is what we need.

All who dwell in God dwell in love,  
and love will set us free.  
So let our mission be to live so all will see  
his love in us.

In everyone we meet, the greatest and the least,  
love is what we need.  
In everyone we meet, the greatest and the least,  
love is what we need.

So now we join in faith to share our hope in grace  
that in the darkest night love is our saving light.

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### 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 how to better love those around 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 love. 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 show us how to put the needs of others before our own:  
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you gift us so we can make the world a better place:  
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 surprises,  
you give us everything we need  
so that we can respond in a loving way  
to whatever happens to us.

Help us to be ready  
and to pay attention to how you want us to act.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### 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 us a story about taking care of the gifts we have been given.

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 kingdom is also like what happened when a man went away and put his three servants in charge of all he owned.  
The man knew what each servant could do.  
So he handed five thousand coins to the first servant,  
two thousand to the second, and one thousand to the third.  
Then he left the country.

As soon as the man had gone, the servant with the five thousand coins used them to earn five thousand more.

The servant who had two thousand coins did the same with his money and earned two thousand more.

But the servant with one thousand coins dug a hole and hid his master's money in the ground.

Some time later the master of those servants returned.

He called them in and asked what they had done with his money.

The servant who had been given five thousand coins brought them in with the five thousand that he had earned.

He said, "Sir, you gave me five thousand coins, and I have earned five thousand more."

"Wonderful!" his master replied.

"You are a good and faithful servant.

I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more.

Come and share in my happiness!"

Next, the servant who had been given two thousand coins came in and said,

"Sir, you gave me two thousand coins, and I have earned two thousand more."

"Wonderful!" his master replied. "You are a good and faithful servant.

I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more.

Come and share in my happiness!"

The servant who had been given one thousand coins then came in and said,

"Sir, I know that you are hard to get along with.

You harvest what you don't plant and gather crops where you haven't scattered seed.

I was frightened and went out and hid your money in the ground. Here is every single coin!"

The master of the servant told him,

"You are lazy and good-for-nothing!"

You know that I harvest what I don't plant and gather crops where I haven't scattered seed.  
You could have at least put my money in the bank, so that I could have earned interest on it."

Then the master said, "Now your money will be taken away and given to the servant with ten thousand coins!  
Everyone who has something will be given more, and they will have more than enough. But everything will be taken from those who don't have anything.

*Matthew 25:14-29. 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 REFLECTIONS

*Here's a 2 ½ minute cartoon retelling of this story.*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNiVksO1IXI&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNiVksO1IXI&feature=emb_logo)

*Here's a eight minute video for kids that focuses on this parable.*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0whUfWjJ0U&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0whUfWjJ0U&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.*

- In this story, we hear about what some people did when they were given a lot of money. If you were given thousands of dollars, how would you want to spend it? Can you think of ways you might want to spend some for yourself, save some for a later time, and share some with others?
- Who are some people you know who have a lot of money or a lot of talents and abilities who use them to do good things in the world? How do they share or spread their money and talents around?
- What are some talents or gifts God has given you that you can use to make the world a better place? How can you develop those talents even more so you can do more good in the world?

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

Reader 2: We pray for all those who are lonely during this time,  
that they may be able to still feel a sense of community and God's embrace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those without enough money for food, shelter, or medical care, that the community can ensure that everyone in need is cared for, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for the Church, that we may continue to be God's love and presence in the world, even when we are unable to gather physically in our parishes, 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!

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## Concluding Rite

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### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

### CLOSING SONG (OPTIONAL)

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## After the Service

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### 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

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