

## WORSHIP @ HOME

Solemnity of Christ the King • 22 November 2020

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are  
blessed by my Father.  
Inherit the kingdom  
prepared for you from the  
foundation of the world.”  
- Mt 25:34

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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 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/2020-11-22>
- **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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### INTRODUCTION

Leader: Today is a special day that we call the Solemnity of Christ the King.  
Today we celebrate how Jesus is a powerful ruler, but he is different from other kings.  
Jesus always looks out for those who need the most help,  
those who are bullied, who are forgotten, or don't have enough.  
And we are called to do the same, as members of God's Kingdom.  
Remember this as we sing the opening song together...

### OPENING SONG (OPTIONAL)

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XmdSOTjhuo&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XmdSOTjhuo&feature=emb_logo)

What sort of king / would give his life so others might live?  
We are the kingdom / the kingdom of God  
What sort of king / cares for the poor and broken of heart?  
We are the kingdom / the kingdom of God

And those without choices will have a choice  
Those who were silenced will find their voice  
And everyone will be welcomed in  
To a kingdom where justice shall reign

What sort of king honors all persons / woman or man?  
We are the kingdom, the kingdom of God  
What sort of king honors all persons / straight or gay?\*

We are the kingdom / the kingdom of God  
And those without choices will have a choice  
Those who were silenced will find their voice  
And everyone will be welcomed in  
To a kingdom where justice shall reign

What sort of king would be compassion  
In the midst of our violence?  
We are the kingdom / the kingdom of God

(And the blind shall see... and the deaf will hear...  
And the lame will leap for joy... let the children come...  
And we'll see with new eyes... and we'll hear with new ears...)

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*\* "We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence. Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives." [250]*

*—Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love), Pope Francis*

## 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 Power and Mercy,  
you look out for the least among us  
and ask us to do the same.

Help us to focus less on what we want  
and more on the needs of those around us.

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 those who are most in need.

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: When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne.  
The people of all nations will be brought before him,  
and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats.  
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.  
Then the king will say to those on his right,  
"My father has blessed you!  
Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created.  
When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat,  
and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink.

When I was a stranger, you welcomed me,  
and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear.  
When I was sick, you took care of me,  
and when I was in jail, you visited me.”

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask,  
“When did we give you something to eat or drink?  
When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear  
or visit you while you were sick or in jail?”

The king will answer,  
“Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed,  
you did it for me.”

Then the king will say to those on his left,  
“Get away from me! You are under God’s curse.  
Go into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels!  
I was hungry, but you did not give me anything to eat,  
and I was thirsty, but you did not give me anything to drink.  
I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me,  
and I was naked, but you did not give me any clothes to wear.  
I was sick and in jail, but you did not take care of me.”

Then the people will ask,  
“Lord, when did we fail to help you when you were hungry or thirsty  
or a stranger or naked or sick or in jail?”

The king will say to them,  
“Whenever you failed to help any of my people,  
no matter how unimportant they seemed,  
you failed to do it for me.”

Then Jesus said,  
“Those people will be punished forever.  
But the ones who pleased God will have eternal life.”

*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 REFLECTION

*Here's a 3 minute cartoon retelling of this story, with some explanation.*

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

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubBFt4gINNc&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubBFt4gINNc&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.*

- Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.
- Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!
- Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.
- As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

Reader 2: We pray for all those who are hungry, thirsty, and without the clothing they need that they may be given food, drink, and clothing, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for immigrants and others who are strangers in their community that they will be welcomed, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray all those who are sick, that they will be given the care and medicine that they need, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray all those who are in prison, that they will be visited treated with respect and dignity, 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

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### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

### CLOSING SONG (OPTIONAL)

*Play the video below and sing along.*

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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

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:

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