

Third Sunday (Year C)

23rd January 2022

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary time)

Place a cross, bible, and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel, Jesus reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah and tells everyone that he is the chosen one who has come to earth.

Opening prayer:

Lord God, you sent Jesus to share the good news. Help us to do the same in sharing your message of love with others.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (1:1-4, 4:14-21)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Many people have done their best to write a report of the things that have taken place among us. They wrote what we have been told by those who saw these things from the beginning and who proclaimed the message. And so, Your Excellency, because I have carefully studied all these matters from their beginning, I thought it would be good to write an orderly account for you. I do this so that you will know the full truth about everything which you have been taught.

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone. Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.”

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, “This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Prayerfully watch the video together

Bible Story, “Jesus’ Mission” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yL6W5Dwbm8g>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus went to Nazareth...

I wonder what the synagogue would have looked like...

I wonder how many people went to see Jesus...

I wonder how Jesus was feeling while he was reading...

I wonder what the people were thinking after Jesus finished reading...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkJGQ> (4 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders to live out the gospel teachings in bringing good news and hope to others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those people and families preparing to receive their Sacraments of Initiation this year, may they listen deeply to the message of God's word.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that all the members of our Church will support those who are in need within our communities.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for our world, especially for those who are affected by Covid. We pray for their healing and a swift end to the virus.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: We lift our hearts and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing song: How Great Thou Art https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBU_SQf3B9A (4:48min)

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**

Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).

- **Colouring In**

http://www.biblekids.eu/new_testament/Paul_%20of_%20Tarsus/Paul_%20of_%20Tarsus_coloring/Paul_%20of_%20Tarsus_15.jpg

- **Prophet Puzzle**

Jesus read from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet (a person who tells others of important messages from God) who spoke about Jesus' coming long before he was born. Create a puzzle of the prophet Isaiah:

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/prophets-told-about-gods-son-large-jigsaw-puzzle/>

- **Sunday Connection**

Make a family commitment to pray for the Kingdom of God and to take a particular action that will address a need you see in your community.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>