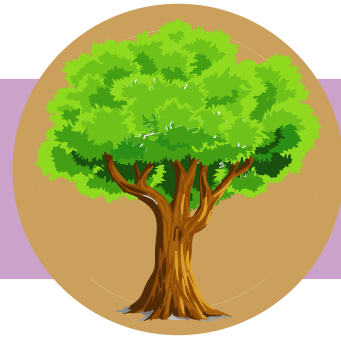


Family Liturgy

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

20th March, 2022



PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a cloth, cross, bible and candle. Add any other symbols relevant to your family. Light the candle or use a battery operated candle for safety.



GATHER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT

We ask that God will help us to grow in goodness and use this to help others.

GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to Luke (13:6-9)

Jesus told the people this story: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard. One day he went out to pick some figs, but he didn't find any. So he said to the gardener, 'For three years I have come looking for figs on this tree, and I haven't found any yet. Chop it down! Why should it take up space?'

"The gardener answered, 'Master, leave it for another year. I'll dig around it and put some manure on it to make it grow. Maybe it will have figs on it next year. If it doesn't, you can have it cut down.'"

The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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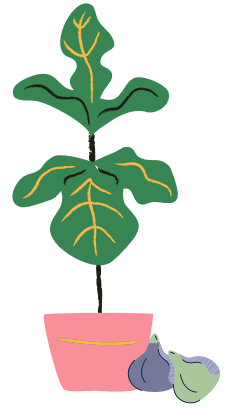
The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree Sheila Hamil



LISTEN [Parable of the Fig Tree](#)

REFLECT

I wonder why the Master wanted to chop the tree down...
I wonder why the gardener was willing to give the tree another year...
I wonder what happened to the fig tree after a year...
I wonder what are the areas in my life that I can focus on more...



UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Ponder and think about what has happened this week for our family.
Bring these things to mind. Offer up any special intentions or prayers aloud or in our hearts as we pray:

We pray for peace and unity in all the world, especially in Ukraine (pause)

Lord hear us. **R:** Lord hear our prayer

We pray for world leaders to guide others with love and compassion (pause)

Lord hear us. **R:** Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the poor and the sick will receive healing and peace (pause)

Lord hear us. **R:** Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the coming together of our communities and give generously to this in need (pause)

Lord hear us. **R:** Lord hear our prayer

We pray for our families to grow in love (pause)

Lord hear us. **R:** Lord hear our prayer

Pray **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

May God bless us and protect us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ENDING SONG

Fruit of the Spirit- Starskills

ACTIVITIES

- Prayer journal: Write a prayer to Jesus
- Colouring in: Parable of the Fig Tree
- Plant some seeds in a pot or in your garden. Discuss what it needs to grow strong and healthy. Talk about what you need to grow strong and healthy (e.g. love and care).