

# Family Liturgy

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

27th 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 (15:1-3, 11b-32)

Tax collectors and sinners were all crowding around to listen to Jesus. So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law of Moses started grumbling.

"This man is friendly with sinners. He even eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this story:

"Once a man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Give me my share of the property.'

So the father divided his property between his two sons.

"Not long after that, the younger son packed up everything he owned and left for a foreign country, where he wasted all his money in wild living. He had spent everything, when a bad famine spread through that whole land. Soon he had nothing to eat.

"He went to work for a man in that country, and the man sent him out to take care of his pigs. He would have been glad to eat what the pigs were eating, but no one gave him a thing.

"Finally, he came to his senses and said, 'My father's workers have plenty to eat, and here I am, starving to death! I will leave and go to my father and say to him,

"Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son. Treat me like one of your workers."

"The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him.

"The son said, 'Father I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son.'

"But his father said to the servants, 'Hurry and bring the best clothes and put them on him. Give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. Get the best calf and prepare it, so we can eat and celebrate.

This son of mine was dead, but has now come back to life. He was lost and has now been found.'

And they began to celebrate.

"The older son had been out in the field. But when he came near the house, he heard the music and dancing. So he called one of the servants over and asked, 'What's going on here?'

"The servant answered,

'Your brother has come home safe and sound, and your father has ordered us to kill the best calf.'

The older brother got so mad that he would not even go into the house.

"His father came out and begged him to go in. But he said to his father, 'For years I have worked for you like a slave and have always obeyed you. But you have never even given me a little goat, so that I could give a dinner for my friends. This other son of yours wasted your money on bad women. And now that he has come home, you ordered the best calf to be killed for a feast.'

"His father replied,

'My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we should be glad and celebrate! Your brother was dead, but he is now alive. He was lost and has now been found.'"

The gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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The Parable of the Prodigal Son



LISTEN [Parable of the Prodigal Son](#)

### REFLECT

I wonder why the younger son left home...

I wonder why the father gave the younger son what he asked for...

I wonder how the younger son felt when he saw his father running to him...

I wonder how I can be more loving to those who have been unkind to me...

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Ponder and think about what has happened this week for our family.

Offer up any special intentions or prayers aloud or in our hearts as we pray:

Pray **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### DISMISSAL

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

### ENDING SONG

[Run to the Father- Matt Maher](#)

### ACTIVITIES

- Prayer journal: Write a prayer to Jesus
- Colouring in: [Parable of the Prodigal Son](#)
- Craft: [The running father](#)

