

# Family Liturgy

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11th December, 2022



### PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a violet 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

God, let us be like John the Baptist. Help us to point others towards Jesus. Amen.

### GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

John was in prison when he heard what Christ was doing. So John sent some of his followers to ask Jesus, "Are you the one we should be looking for? Or must we wait for someone else?"

Jesus answered, "Go and tell John what you have heard and seen. The blind are now able to see, and the lame can walk. People with leprosy are being healed, and the deaf can hear. The dead are raised to life, and the poor are hearing the good news. God will bless everyone who does not reject me because of what I do."

As John's followers were going away, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John:

"What sort of person did you go out into the desert to see? Was he like tall grass blown about by the wind?"

"What kind of man did you go out to see? Was he someone dressed in fine clothes? People who dress like that live in the king's palace."

"What did you really go out to see? Was he a prophet? He certainly was. I tell you that he was more than a prophet. In the Scriptures God says about him, 'I am sending my messenger ahead of you to get things ready for you.'"

"I tell you that no one ever born on this earth is greater than John the Baptist. But whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John."

The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Catholic Kids Media - Advent 3A



Watch: Reflection from this week's Mass readings

### REFLECT

I wonder why John told his disciples to ask Jesus...

I wonder what Jesus and John's relationship was like...

I wonder what the crowd were thinking when they heard Jesus speak about John...

I wonder what Jesus meant by "whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John"...

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bring to mind any special intentions that you would like to pray for today.

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

Passion- O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be) ft. Melodie Malone

### ACTIVITIES

Pray: Write a prayer to Jesus in your journal

Colouring page: Jesse Tree

Family Connection: Family Advent Game

