

## Family Liturgy – Easter Week 2 (Year A)

Sunday 19 April 2020

### Preparing the prayer space

Place a white or gold cloth on the table or floor (white or gold colour for Easter Season).

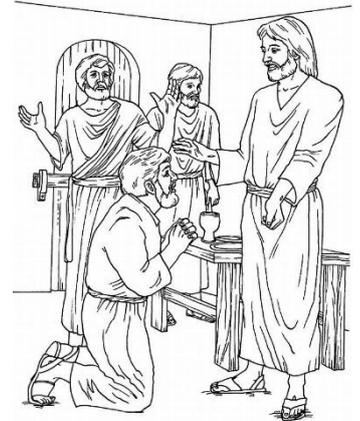
Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. Some holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

### Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Gospel stories 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:** Today we hear the story of Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. We celebrate that Jesus is risen and is with us in a new way! We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

**Opening prayer:** God of the Resurrection, we give you thanks for sending Jesus into the world so we could understand how much you love us. Help us to hear the good news of his Resurrection and receive it with open hearts. Help us now to listen to your Word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gospel:** A reading from the holy gospel according to John (20: 19-29)

**All:** Glory to you O, Lord

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, 'I am sending you, just as the Father sent me.'

Then he breathed on them and said,

'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven.

But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.'

Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples,

he was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them.

So they told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But Thomas said, 'First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger.

I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!'

A week later the disciples were together again. This time Thomas was with them.

Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group.

He greeted his disciples and said to Thomas,

'Put your finger here and look at my hands!. Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!'

Thomas replied, 'You are my Lord and my God!'

Jesus said, 'Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me?

The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!'

The gospel of the Lord. **All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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