

Family Liturgy – Easter Week 6 (Year A)

Sunday 17 May 2020

Preparing the prayer space

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

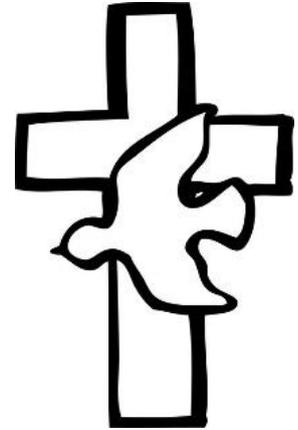
Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. Some holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism; add a symbol of the Holy Spirit (picture of dove). Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

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 telling us that he will be always with us and will never leave us alone. He is with us and he will send the Holy Spirit to be with us too. We celebrate that Jesus is risen and is with us in a new way through the Holy Spirit! We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

Opening prayer: God who is always with us, you have sent Jesus to us to be with us always. Help us to listen to Jesus in our hearts and believe that he has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us too. 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 (14: 15-21)

All: Glory to you O, Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:

If you love me, you will do as I command.

Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you.

The Spirit will show you what is true.

The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit because they don't see or know him.

But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.

I won't leave you like orphans. I will come back to you.

In a little while the people of this world won't be able to see me but you will see me;

And because I live, you will live.

Then you will know that I am with the Father.

You will know that you are one with me and I am one with you.

If you love me, you will do what I have said

And my Father will love you.

I will also love you and show you what I am like.'

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

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the Gospel story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=io3czyV0_Rw (4mins)

Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what Jesus meant when he said that some people won't be able to see him but you will see him?

I wonder why some people won't be able to see Jesus?

I wonder how we can see Jesus?

I wonder how we can prepare our hearts to see Jesus each day?

I wonder how the Holy Spirit can help me each day to live as a follower of Jesus?

Parent/Caregiver:

Let us pray quietly and listen to Jesus' message to us.

Let think about how we can allow the Holy Spirit to help us to live like Jesus.

(pause for a moment)

Let us share with each other how we can love like Jesus this week.

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

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

1 We pray for our Church and world leaders: that they will be open to listen to the Holy Spirit and lead us in love. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes who are not able to meet together at this time: that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to live good lives and treat each other with kindness.

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

3 We pray for people in our world who are suffering in any way at this time: may they feel the joy and peace that the Holy Spirit brings to them. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

4 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will be share in the life of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Closing prayer: God, who is always with us, we believe in your love – your love created the world. We believe in your love – your love sent Jesus, to live with us on earth. We believe in your love – your love sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life through us and to always be with us. Amen.

Closing song: One Faith, One Hope, One Love by Andrew Chinn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eowzRp2QsIw>

or The Spirit of Truth by E Mui <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOaWCKqZMWw>

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.

- Write a prayer in your prayer journal (special notebook).
Ask the children to write a prayer and draw a picture speaking with Jesus and telling us that he will never leave us alone and will send us the Holy Spirit to be with us too.
- Add to this prayer journal each day. Write a prayer of how Jesus and the Holy Spirit is with all people over the world at this time.
- Make a card or write a letter to someone and tell them that Jesus and the Holy Spirit is with them always.
- Watch the story of other children talking about their drawing of this Scripture story. Create your picture and/or video.
- Create your own bookmark with the words 'I am with you always' or 'I will send the Holy Spirit to you' or 'If you love me you will do as I have said.'
- Write down the ways that the Holy Spirit can be with you this week in what you do and decorate page.
- Crossword https://sermons4kids.com/promise_of_the_holy_spirit_crossword.htm
- Jumble word https://sermons4kids.com/promise_of_the_holy_spirit_jumble.htm
- Colouring page <https://craftingthewordofgod.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/holy-spirit-coloring-page.pdf>