

Family Liturgy – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 5 July 2020

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green, for ordinary time). Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. 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 songs.
Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet. Print out sheet if required

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: Today we hear Jesus saying to give thanks to God and go to Jesus for all our needs and worries. He loves children and will always look after us. We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

Opening prayer: God of families and togetherness, we give you thanks for sending Jesus to us. Help us to hear Jesus' words to us and to understand and believe in them so to know you better. 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 Matthew (11:25-30)

All: Glory to you O, Lord

On one occasion Jesus said:

"My Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
I am glad that you hid all this from the wise and the educated people
and showed it to ordinary people.
Yes, Father, that is what pleased you.

"My Father has given me everything,
and he is the only one who knows the Son.
The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son.
But the Son wants to tell others about the Father,
so that they can know him too.

"If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,
Come to me and I will give you rest.
Take the yoke I give you.
Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.
I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.
This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light."

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

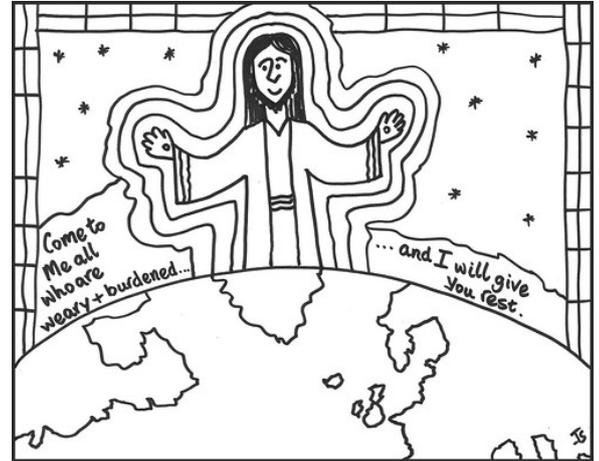
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Prayerfully watch the clips with the Gospel story of Jesus telling us to trust and give thanks to God.

<https://youtu.be/JdgTNYCFdf0> Jesus gives thanks Share the faith (4.38 mins)

<https://youtu.be/H45j196vUGM> Gospel Reading - Matthew 11:25-30 (1.19 mins)

<https://youtu.be/UbAzhXd6pYg> Matthew 11:25-30 Come to Me and Rest (3.39 mins)



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Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what Jesus means when he says that God revealed God's message to ordinary and child like people?

I wonder what the disciples thought when Jesus told them that God has given Jesus everything?

I wonder what Jesus means when he said to the disciples that only God knows Jesus and only Jesus knows the Father?

I wonder what Jesus means when he says to the disciples that he wants others to know God the Father too?

I wonder what Jesus means when he said to the disciples to go to him when they are tired from carrying burdens?

I wonder what Jesus is asking when he says to his disciples to take his yoke and learn from him?

I wonder how the disciples felt when Jesus said that he is gentle and humble and his burden light?

I wonder what Jesus is asking of me today...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

Yes Lord I Believe by John Burland <https://youtu.be/7MR2iGDyUtE> (3 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer giving thanks to God and asking God to take care of our needs.

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

1 We give you thanks for our Church, Pope Francis and especially for our new Archbishop, Patrick O'Regan: may he do great things for the church in Adelaide. Lord, hear us.

2 We give you thanks for all people in our parishes: May all those who feel burdened and troubled find rest in Jesus. Lord, hear us.

3 We give you thanks for our world: May people who suffer always remember to remain close to God and understand the message of Jesus that is revealed to ordinary people. Lord, hear us.

4 We give you thanks for all the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments: may their lives be blessed with families and sponsors who try to follow in Jesus footsteps. Lord, hear us.

5 We give you thanks for our families and friends: May people who have died recently and especially the people we know and love, find eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

Closing prayer: God of families and togetherness, 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. Amen.

Closing songs: <https://youtu.be/n3iG1gkW9R0> A Gift to You <https://youtu.be/2SIhhVVP7yM>
Walking with Jesus

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

- Write a prayer or draw a picture thanking God for loving the world so much.
- Add to this prayer journal each day.
- Act out the story of Jesus talking to his disciples
- Make a choice to do something loving today
- Draw a cartoon story of what happened in this story with captions
- Game – Let children try to crawl quickly to the other side of the room carrying something on their back. If it falls off, someone needs to go to help the child by holding it on their back. The parent/teacher can make sure that it is something that would EASILY fall off!
- Go to the following links to find crosswords & other children activities on the topic:
- <https://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/Wordsearch%2014A%20.jpg>
- https://www.4catholiceducators.com/pdf/Wordsearch_Matthew_11_25-30.pdf
- http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/a-ordinary_time-14.PDF