

Family Liturgy – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 4 October 2020

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (the colour for Ordinary time)
Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Holy water or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Place something you value or treasure or any other symbols relevant to your family. You may like to add some grapes to your space.

Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
Print out sheet if required



<http://clipart-library.com/clipart/19-biyp8GAT.htm>

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver:

Today, we come together to celebrate the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Today, we also celebrate the end of the Season of Creation week. We ask God to help us to respect all people and all of creation as his gifts to us. We are especially grateful to God for showing his love towards us through Jesus, his Son.

Opening prayer: Creator God, giver of gifts and of love, help us to listen to you in the Gospel story and to follow you closely. Help us to want to grow close to you through Jesus, your Son. Help us to respect life and all of creation with gratefulness. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (21:33-43)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus told the chief priests and leaders to listen to this story:

“A landowner once planted a vineyard. He built a wall around it and dug a pit to crush the grapes in. He also built a lookout tower. Then he rented out his vineyard and left the country.

When it was harvest time, the owner sent some servants to get his share of the grapes. But the renters grabbed those servants. They beat up one, killed one, and stoned on of them to death. He then sent more servants than he did the first time. But the renters treated them in the same way.

Finally, the owner sent his own son to the renters because he thought they would respect him. But when they saw the man’s son, they said, ‘Someday he will own the vineyard. Let’s kill him!. Then we can have it all for ourselves.’ So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.”

Jesus asked, ‘When the owner of the vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those renters?’

The chief priests and leaders answered, ‘He will kill them in some horrible way. Then he will rent out his vineyard to people who will give him his share of grapes at harvest time.’

Jesus replied, ‘Surely you know that the Scriptures say,
“The stone that the builders tossed aside
is now the most important stone of all.
This is something the Lord has done,
And it is amazing to us’.

‘I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken from you and given to people who will do what he demands’.

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

Prayerfully watch the video together <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xiumzKF3Tg> (2min)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder what the benefits were for the renters who hurt the servants and the son?

I wonder if this story reminds you anything about Jesus's life?

I wonder if this story reminds you about the words Jesus spoke about Jesus being the vine and we are the branches and God the Father looks after the vine?

I wonder how we can give thanks to God for gifting us with love, care and the gift of creation.

I wonder how we can give thanks to God for gifting us with Jesus in Holy Communion?

I wonder what the message for us is in this story?

I wonder what words you hear Jesus speaking to you in your hearts as you meet him in the Sacraments?

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

Yes Lord I Believe by John Burland <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LH5TpPGzH5c> (2mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.
(*We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer'*)

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Pat and all Church and world leaders: that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit to make decisions which respect all people and bring them closer to our loving God. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

2 We pray for people in our world who are suffering in any way at this time especially during this COVID-19 outbreak: that they may feel the love and care of others who help to relieve their suffering and to know that they are deeply loved by God. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

3 We pray for all people in our parishes and in our communities: that they will respect all people and all of creation as we serve each other with generous hearts. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

4 We pray for all people, especially for children, who are looking forward to receiving Holy Communion for the first time: that they will prepare well to receive Jesus into their hearts and long to meet him in the Eucharist often. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

5 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*) Lord, hear us **All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

6 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will now be united in the love of God whom they have served well. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: God who calls us to be close, we believe in your love - you are the Creator of the world. We believe in your love – you sent Jesus to show us how to live a life of faith. We believe in your love – because of the Holy Spirit who breathes life through us and guides us. Amen.

Closing song: *A Gift to You* by Kids Worship Song Ministry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3iG1qkV9R0> (3mins) or

We Praise You God by John Burland https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXKOMmG_ubl (2mins)

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

Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).

Group Activities https://sermons4kids.com/second_chance_group_activities.htm

God loved the world and sent his Son https://sermons4kids.com/john_3_16_decoder.htm

Parable of the Tenants https://sermons4kids.com/parable_of_the_tenants_crossword.htm

Parable of the Tenants https://sermons4kids.com/parable_of_the_tenants_wordsearch.htm

Colouring page <http://diaconos.i.d.f.unblog.fr/files/2008/09/mt213343web.gif>