



St. Mary's Catholic Church High Green
Children's Liturgy of the Word
2nd Sunday of Easter

19th April 2020

As a Parish and Children's Liturgy team, we want to continue to provide Catechesis for our children in what is a challenging and worrying time for us all. We recognise that for many families the idea of a liturgy in the home is daunting, so we want to lay out something simple and easy to follow, similar to the Lent or Advent bags that come home from St. Mary's school. The format below is based on our Children's liturgy of the word sessions during Mass, so your children will recognise and help you along! Use it as a script or use your own words, maybe ask an older child to lead, hopefully you will grow in confidence as the weeks pass.

Stay well and safe. God Bless. *Clare Russell*

If you enjoyed the resources from HolyWeek@Home they have a media enhanced liturgy for the week at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-04-19>

CAFOD are also running virtual childrens liturgy sessions. Recordings are available to watch later <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Prepare your space –

- It's ok to follow this through on your phone or tablet rather than printing, but remember to mute and turn off all notifications!
- Remove distractions from the room.
- Create a focal point – involve the children, use a cross, maybe made from stones or flowers, a bible.
- Today we will focus on the Gospel of the Procession of Palms, taken from the very beginning of today's Mass.

Find today's gospel in your bible, missal or online.

- John 20:19-31. Available online <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/041920.cfm>

- Prepare a candle and something to light it with.

We Begin

- Sign of the Cross
- Is there a hymn or song that the children particularly like? Alleluia is the word of the Season!
- On Easter Sunday and on every Sunday during the Easter Season, the Paschal candle is lit to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world, is alive and will be with us forever. We light our candle to remind us of that.

We say sorry Penitential Rite

Forgive me Jesus, for the things I have done wrong. Make my heart more loving and me to do better. Amen

Pause for a minute of reflection

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy*
 Christ, have mercy. *Christ have mercy*
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy*

Gospel Acclamation (tune: If you're happy and you know it)

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord (x2)
 As we listen to the story, let us praise him for his glory.
 Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. *Glory to you Oh Lord*

Read the Gospel as referenced above.

The Gospel of the Lord! *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Gospel Refection

Imagine what a shock the disciples must have had when they suddenly saw Jesus in the room with them. Jesus used the words 'Peace be with you' to calm them. When this happened Thomas the disciple was not there. He became known as 'Doubting Thomas' because he did not believe Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw Jesus for himself. In the Gospel, Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen me but believe anyway." Jesus is talking about US. We cannot see Jesus and touch his wounds, but we still believe in him and the things he did and said. We also believe that at Mass the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ.

Intercessions (*Feel free to use your own prayers*)

For the Church and all her people, that we may share the Gospel of peace through acceptance, understanding and forgiveness.

Lord in your Mercy. *Hear our Prayer.*

For Peace and healing in our world.

Lord in your Mercy. *Hear our Prayer.*

For people who are filled with doubt and uncertainty, may they find faith in the risen Lord.

Lord in your Mercy. *Hear our Prayer.*

For all who have died, may they enjoy everlasting life with the risen Lord.

Lord in your Mercy *Hear our Prayer*

We pray for our family, friends and our school community, who we miss and look forward to seeing again.

Lord in your Mercy *Hear our Prayer*

We ask our Mother Mary to pray with us and for us as we say Hail Mary.....

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help us to remember the words of Thomas, 'My Lord and my God' and to make them our own prayer.

Help us to 'see' you in the actions and words of those we meet so that day by day our belief in you grows stronger.

Amen

Leader: Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Sign of the Cross