

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 January 2022 - Year C

“No prophets are liked by the people of their own town.”

Something to Think About

Think about all the different people in the world, and about how much Jesus loves each of them. Do you know people who live in other cities, or in other countries?

The Story

The end of the reading is a bit puzzling – why were the people angry at Jesus? The Children’s Lectionary leaves a few sentences out in the middle of the story, in which Jesus reminds the people of times when God had healed people who were not seen to be good and respectable. In the same way, some of the people thought that Jesus was healing the ‘wrong’ people. Jesus challenged them to think differently and that was hard for them. They became angry and did not accept what Jesus was saying.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

4:20-24, 28-30

Everyone in the Jewish meeting place looked straight at Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "What you have just heard me read has come true today."

All the people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. They kept on asking, "Isn't he Joseph's son?"

Jesus answered:

"You will certainly want to tell me this saying, 'Doctor, first make yourself well.'

You will tell me to do the same things here in my own hometown that you heard I did in Capernaum. But you can be sure that no prophets are liked by the people of their own hometown."

When the people in the meeting place heard Jesus say this, they became so angry that they got up and threw him out of town. They dragged him to the edge of the cliff on which the town was built, because they wanted to throw him down from there.

But Jesus slipped through the crowd and got away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Watch the video and sing along! [Fixin' My Eyes on You](#)



Group Discussion

Sometimes your parents might ask you to do things that are hard or that you don't want to do. They might tell you it's time for bed when you want to keep playing. You might not want to go to bed, but if you stay up too late, you'll be tired and grumpy the next day. The people who take care of you love you the most and want what is best for you. Spend a moment to say a quiet prayer for these special people and ask God to bless them today.

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world,
for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will work together to bring about a fair world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who find it difficult to make friends. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we listen to our parents and all those who care for us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that we might fix our eyes on Jesus and follow him always. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for our own needs. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Teach us to listen to your word and to
follow you always.
Please bless our parents and all those
who care for us.
Amen.

Group Activity

Let's keep our eyes fixed on Jesus!

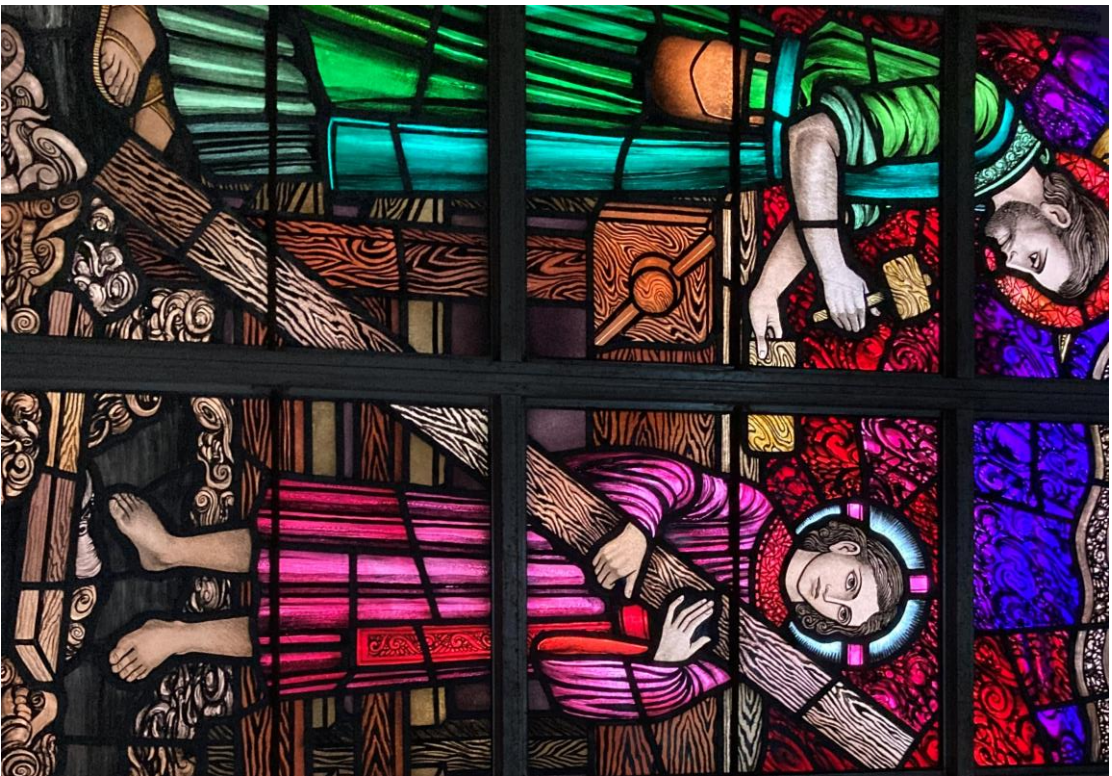
For each child you will need: 2 toilet rolls, or a cardboard tube cut in half, construction paper or wrapping paper, sticky tape, string (optional)

1. Cut a piece of construction paper or wrapping paper so that it wraps around one of the toilet rolls and tape it in place. Repeat with the other roll.
2. Cut a piece of sticky tape, and join the ends together, sticky side out, and stick the two toilet rolls together like binoculars. (Double sided sticky tape is another option.)
3. Cut a piece of construction paper long enough to wrap around the two toilet paper rolls tightly and tape the ends to hold both rolls together.
4. Optional: poke a hole on either side of the finished binoculars at one end, and thread some string through to create a strap for the binoculars.

NB. Omit Step 4 if binoculars will be used by small children.



**ALL JESUS' NEIGHBOURS
THOUGHT THEY KNEW HIM.**



**HE IS THE SON OF JOSEPH
THE CARPENTER, THEY SAID.**

**BUT HE SAID AND DID
WONDERFUL THINGS!
THEY WERE AMAZED AT
WHAT WAS INSIDE HIM!**

WRITE THE NAME
OF YOUR FRIENDS

WRITE A SURPRISING AND BEAUTIFUL
THING THEY HAVE INSIDE THEM

*You cannot judge a
person by the outside*