

Family Liturgy – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 9 August 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. Some 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. Place something you value or treasure or any other symbols relevant to your family.

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

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver:

Today, we come together to celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.
We ask God to help us today to trust that God will always be with us to reach out and give us a hand when we call to him.

Opening prayer: God of love and abundance, help us to listen to you in the Gospel story and to follow you closely. Help us to trust in you and go out to meet you in our lives and believe that you are always with us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (14:22-33)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and start back across the lake.
But he stayed until he had sent the crowds away.
Then he went up on a mountain where he could be alone and pray.
Later that evening, he was still there.

By this time the boat was a long way from the shore.
It was going against the wind and was being tossed around by the waves.
A little while before morning, Jesus came walking on the water toward his disciples.
When they saw him, they thought he was a ghost.
They were terrified and started screaming.

At once Jesus said to them, 'Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid'
Peter replied, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you on the water."

'Come on!' Jesus said.

Peter then got out of the boat and started walking on the water toward him.
But when Peter saw how strong the wind was, he was afraid and started sinking.

'Lord, save me!' he shouted.

Right away Jesus reached out his hand.
He helped Peter up and said, 'You surely don't have much faith. Why do you doubt?'
When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died down.
The men in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, 'You really are the Son of God!'

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



<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/parables-kingdom-heaven/>

Prayerfully watch the video together <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2t3-S6eSUU> (3mins)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus sent the disciples on ahead of him?

I wonder what it may have been like for Jesus to pray?

I wonder if we spend some quiet time to pray and be alone with God?

I wonder why Peter went to Jesus across the water when Jesus called him?

I wonder why Peter started to be afraid and sink into the water?

I wonder when what you do when you are afraid?

I wonder when you can turn to Jesus and trust him to help you?

I wonder what Jesus' message is to us and our family when he said to Peter, 'Don't worry! Don't be afraid?'

I wonder what are the times when we need to trust in God at school, in our family, in our parish community and in our wider community?

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

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 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 lead us in a way that we can see and value what is important for us in our relationship with 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 be confident in God's love for them personally and entrust their prayers and needs to God who calls us to come to him. Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pray for all people, especially for children, who are looking forward to receiving the Sacraments for the first time: that they will prepare well to receive Jesus into their hearts and do all they can to grow closer to God. 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: through the intercession of Mary, assumed into heaven whose feast day we celebrate this week, that they will now be united with Risen Jesus. 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: *Trust in the Lord* by Extreme for Kids
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_zUJC4aAJc (3 mins)

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) speaking to Jesus of your needs and of how you would like to trust in Him this week.
- Act out this story, write it in your own words or draw a picture story
- Colouring page of Jesus walking water <https://sermons4kids.com/walking-on-water-colorpg.htm>
- Puzzle page: <https://www.biblewise.com/kids/fun/peter-walks.php>