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SUNDAY 16 JANUARY 2022

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Think about all the ways you have already been loving today.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

We say these words
or sing a hymn as the
priest approaches
the altar.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times...

We ask for God's help.
Listen now to the
priest as he offers
this prayer.



FIRST READING ISAIAH 62:1-5

What a joyful image! The prophet Isaiah asks us to imagine the happiness of a couple starting out their life together in marriage. They are delighted with each other and full of hope. They will wear fine clothes and celebrate because they will no longer be alone, but have found each other. God loves us just as much as the bride and groom love each other. We will never be alone, because God is with us. God delights in each of us!

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
God's love for the
people is like a bride
and groom celebrating
their wedding.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 95

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
among all the peoples.

The cantor or psalmist
sings or says the psalm.
Listen to the verses,
and then respond by
using these words.



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

There are so many different ways we can help other people. Each of us can carry on Jesus' work, sharing God's love with the people we meet. The Holy Spirit has given us all very different gifts, so each of us can work for God in our own way. Some of us may have the gift of healing while others have the gift of preaching. Whatever our special gifts are, we know that God is with us, helping us to use them well.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.
The Holy Spirit gives
each of us different
gifts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Through the Good News God called us
to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

We give a shout of
praise to God, using
these words taken
from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

John's Gospel is full of "signs", miracles which point out just how special Jesus is. The first of these signs is today's Gospel, when Jesus turns water into wine. The whole of his mission begins with this miracle. God loves us and wants us to enjoy life and Jesus is the way we can understand just how full of happiness life can be!



THINK

Sometimes it feels as though no one is listening to our prayers. Today we see that even Mary doesn't get an answer straight away when she tells Jesus that the wine has run out. But Mary trusts Jesus - and he does more than she might have expected! If we trust Jesus, we can enjoy the "best wine" too!



GOSPEL JOHN 2:1-11

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

A wedding is a special occasion and Jesus, his mum and his friends are all invited to this week-long celebration. Too soon, however, disaster threatens when they run out of wine. Mary quietly tells Jesus. For a few moments it is not certain that Jesus is going to do very much.

But Mary knows she can count on him and asks the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. As Mary expects, Jesus helps. He instructs the servants to fill the huge jars with water. When they draw some out, it is excellent wine! Jesus has changed the water into wine.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest or deacon do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

“...the Lord takes delight in you.”

Thank you, Lord, for loving me so much. Help me to love and respect myself. Help me to forgive myself when I don't live up to my own expectations. Thank you for making me me!



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is preparing to get married. Help them to find you in the love that they are celebrating. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any times when you didn't really do your best this week and then think of all the ways you have used your talents well.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to your Eucharistic celebration. Thank you for being with me in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Amen.



DO

Be inventive and think of some helpful ways you can use water this this week - what can you clean?!



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

