

Service at Home for those unable to attend Mass
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

PREPARATION:

- Comfortable seating, place in a semicircle if possible.
- A table with a candle, crucifix or image of Jesus,
- Identify family members who will proclaim the Scripture and perhaps give a brief reflection.
- Select 2 or 3 hymns that everyone knows

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: “In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.” (*Mt: 18:19-20*)

The Candle is now lit

LEADER: As disciples who follow Jesus on the way to the kingdom, let us seek the mercy and forgiveness of God necessary for this journey. (PAUSE)

LEADER: Lord Jesus, for the times we neglected and ignored those in need; Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Christ Jesus, for the times we sought to be first, rather than last of all; Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, for the times we failed to be like the child in our midst; Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us our pride. Make us servants with you and lead us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Let us Pray: O God, protector of the poor and defender of the just, you tenderly stoop down to us, fallible and limited people, and your preference goes to the innocent, to the weak and the humble. Help us to accept your good news with the receptive attitude of children, And give us also eyes of admiration to see the mystery of your greatness and love, that the kingdom of heaven may be ours. Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

READINGS –

1st Reading is taken from Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm 53(54):3-6, 8

2nd Reading is taken from James 3:16-4:3

GOSPEL (Mark 9:30-37)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So, he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

A Short Reflection can be given or a period of silent reflection

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

LEADER: The Lord hears our prayer and listens to the words of our mouths and so we bring before him our needs.

Family members are invited to make their petitions.

LORD'S PRAYER:

LEADER: As God's children, we pray with the fullest trust the prayer taught us by Jesus:

ALL: *Our Father.....*

LEADER: Jesus is one sent by the Father. Though we cannot receive him today, let us invite him into our hearts as we pray the Act of Spiritual Communion

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

ALL: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

LEADER: Let us pray: Loving Father, no one is greater than you, yet you have made yourself small and near to us in our weakness in your Son Jesus Christ who taught us that whoever wants to be first must become last of all, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us the wisdom to welcome the word of your Son, and come to understand our call to be servants to all. We ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

LEADER: May God our Father, strengthen us on our journey.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May Christ Jesus show us the way of humble service.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May the Holy Spirit make us fruitful in all we do.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: And may our loving God bless us; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

ALL: Amen.