

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022

2ND SUNDAY AFTER
THE NATIVITY (E&W, I)



Year C

Thank Jesus for coming to be with us today and every day!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light...



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



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



FIRST READING ECCLESIASTICUS 24:1-2. 8-12

The people of Israel were nomadic. They spent many generations living in tents. From the time of Abraham to Moses leading the people through the desert, the Hebrews would make a camp for while before moving on. Everything was portable

and home was wherever their tents were pitched. They even had a tent, the tabernacle, which was a place of worship where they could meet God in a special way. God's wisdom came to live with the Hebrews, pitching her tent with them.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God has made his home with us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 147

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Or Alleluia!



SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:3-6. 15-18

An adopted child is very special because they are chosen by their new family who love them very much. Today we hear that we are all special because we have all been chosen to be an adopted son or daughter

of God. God loves us all very much! Even before the universe was created, we were chosen to be God's children – and there are even more blessings, which we can't even imagine yet, in store for us.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. We are all God's adopted children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!



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



DO YOU KNOW?

6 January is the feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the fact that Jesus is God's gift to the whole world.

The Gospel says that the wise men, or magi, brought three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, so we have come to say there were three wise men. In the 6th century they were given the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.



THINK

Every year Jewish people celebrate the festival of Tabernacles or Sukkot, to thank God for his love and protection. This harvest festival lasts a week and comes just after Yom Kippur. Jewish families build temporary booths, a bit like open sheds, which they cover in leaves. These sukkot remind them of the tents their ancestors lived in when they were wandering in the desert after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.



GOSPEL JOHN 1:1-18

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

In our first reading we heard how God's wisdom pitched her tent with the Hebrews. Now we hear that God's Word, Jesus, has pitched his tent and come to live with us. The Son of God has become one of us and made his home with us. What an amazing way

to show us how much God loves us. God doesn't just tell us that we are loved, God shows us just how special we are by sharing our lives. Jesus brings light into our world, removing the darkness. Jesus came to be with us 2,000 years ago and is with us now!

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 Word was made flesh, he lived among us."

Think about how well you know the people you live with, and how well they know you. Thank God for choosing to live with you each and every day.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am glad you made your home with us. Please bless the families who have no home today. Inspire us to make changes so that everyone has a place of shelter. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This 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 time this week when you felt uncertain or worried and then think about all the times when you felt safe and loved.

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

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

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 choosing me to be your adopted child. Help me to open my heart to accept your love and to really believe I am special in your eyes. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

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THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD (S)

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Can you see the wise men visiting the crib in your church?



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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

COLLECT

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory...

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



FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

When it is dark we can feel cold and afraid. As soon as a light is turned on, we feel safer. Now we can see clearly. Whether the light is a candle or the sun, it can make us feel better because it brings us warmth too.

Today we hear that God is light. God's light brings hope and shines in the love of all believers. A moth is drawn to the light, and everyone everywhere will gather around God's people, shining brightly.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God is the light who shines in our lives.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 71

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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



SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6

Grace, God's love and strength, is freely given to us all. Jesus has made it possible for everyone to receive God's grace. He has come into the world to bring light and love to the whole world. Each one of us

has the chance of a loving relationship with God – we just have to say yes! Today we hear that God's grace is shared with everyone equally. We are all part of God's loving family – and that really is Good News!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God's love is a free gift for absolutely everyone!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Today is the feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the fact that Jesus is God's gift to the whole world. The Gospel says that the wise men, or magi, brought three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, so we have come to say there were three wise men. In the 6th century they were given the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.



THINK

Light helps us to see the way. We might use a torch to help us find our way in the dark. The wise men followed a star to find Jesus. Jesus is our light who will guide us through any darkness we might face. There's no need to worry – we know Jesus is with us all the way. Like the wise men, we just need to keep on going!



GOSPEL MATTHEW 2:1-12

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

It's hard when we think someone else is taking our place. We want to be the person that everyone loves. King Herod definitely didn't like the idea of someone taking his place. When the wise men arrive, enquiring about a new king, he is not happy at all. Change is often challenging, and

it is not always welcome. Herod thinks politically and befriends the wise men, thinking he can use them. However, God has different plans. After the wise men find Jesus, they are warned in a dream to avoid Herod. The authority worth listening to for anyone of us is always God!

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

"Arise, shine out..."

Take a moment to be still. Know that God loves you very much. Feel God's love deep in your heart. Ask God to be with you today as you shine with God's light and love.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is in danger because of political decisions. Please help us all to work to make the world a place of safety for everyone. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This 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 time this week when you felt uncertain about something and then think about a time when you were shining brightly with love and confidence.

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 seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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 being the light in my life. Thank you for always being with me, guiding my way and keeping me safe in your love. Amen.



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Can you spot the font in church?



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you...

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

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Luke's version of Jesus' baptism is slightly different from the other Gospels. Here, it is when Jesus is praying that the Holy Spirit comes down on his and the voice from heaven speaks. Luke is emphasising that when it is when we pray that we meet God. God the Father is with Jesus when he prays and will be with us too.



FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40:1-5. 9-11

Before mobile phones and computers it took a long time to share news. In Old Testament times, town criers shouted information and messengers ran with urgent news. Today, we hear the most important and urgent news - God is coming!

Isaiah wants to make it as easy as possible to share this good news. He urges everyone to make the roads as straight as possible and to shout from the highest mountain. Let's all get ready to welcome our powerful and loving God!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Make God's path to our hearts as straight and as easy as possible.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.



SECOND READING

TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God loves us very much and has given us a way to have meaningful, happy lives. We can all have a great relationship with God because of Jesus. Jesus has shown us how to put behind us anything that might lead

us away from God, and turn towards God by living a life of love. It is through our baptism we have been born into new life with Jesus and though our baptism we have been given the Holy Spirit to help us.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Our baptism has given us a new life with Jesus.



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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!



THINK

At the start of his public ministry Jesus himself goes to be baptised by his cousin John. Although Jesus has his new and important job sharing God's love to start, he stands with everyone else on the banks of the river Jordan waiting his turn. God's Son really is one of us, making it possible for us to be like him!



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

There is a hum of excitement. John the Baptist is amazing – perhaps he is the promised saviour, the Messiah? John sets everyone straight. No, he isn't the Messiah. Someone even more important is coming, someone so special that John is not good enough to undo his sandals. The Messiah won't just baptise with water, he will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. After John has baptised everyone else, Jesus himself comes forward. While Jesus prays, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit comes down on him in the form of a dove and voice from heaven says, "This is my Son, the Beloved."

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

"You are my Son, the Beloved."

Take a moment to relax and breathe slowly, knowing that God is with you. Use your imagination. Hear God say your name. Hear God call you "Beloved" and feel God's love deep in your heart.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is starting a new job or beginning a new term at school. Give us all energy and determination, so that we use our talents well. 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 time this week when you were unhappy and then think about all the happy times you enjoyed.

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

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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 being the light in my life. Thank you for always being with me, guiding my way and keeping me safe in your love. Amen.



DO

Find out about the symbolism of a baptismal font and why they are often at the entrance of churches.



IXΘΥΣ

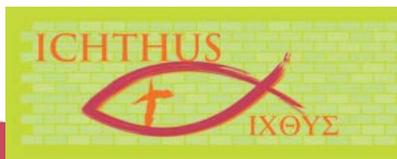
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SUNDAY 16 JANUARY 2022

2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

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

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

What can you give special thanks for today?



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.



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3RD SUNDAY
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Be still for a moment and get ready to really listen to God's word today.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.



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

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works...



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



FIRST READING NEHEMIAH 8:2-6. 8-10

All the Jewish people are gathered together; men women and children who are old enough to understand. Then Ezra the priest brings out the Torah, the holiest books of the Jewish Bible. He stands on a platform, so that he is higher than everyone else and they can see and hear him. As Ezra opens the book of the Torah everyone stands and worships God. Ezra reads God's word for hours. Everyone listens and then celebrates – God's word brings them great joy!



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Everyone old enough to understand listens to God's word in the Torah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 18

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.



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



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30

It's quite obvious really. A foot is not the same as a hand and an ear is not an eye, but we need them all for a fully functioning body. One is not better than the other, each different part is important. St Paul uses this analogy to explain that each one of us is invaluable too. We are all completely different, but we each have a vital job to do. When we work together for God we can do great things.



LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. We are all one body, each of us is important and we are all doing God's work.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives.
Alleluia!



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



DO YOU KNOW?

"Torah" means "the Law". The Torah was given to the Jewish people by God and is the name given to the five holiest books of the Jewish bible. As Christians, we share the Torah with the Jewish people and it makes up the first part of what we call the Old Testament.



THINK

Today is Sunday of the Word of God. We've heard how Ezra proclaims God's word in the Torah and Jesus proclaims God's word from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. How do we proclaim God's word today? Notice how we show our respect and draw attention to God's word in the Bible. Listen carefully to what God is saying to you today in the words of scripture.



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

Luke wants to make sure that we hear a reliable account of what Jesus said and did. He wants us to know that right from the start Jesus is doing something remarkable. As he travels throughout Galilee, Jesus' preaching and teaching impresses everyone. Now he has arrived back in his hometown. Going into

the synagogue as usual, Jesus is handed the scroll. Jesus proclaims God's promise in Isaiah: the Messiah will bring freedom and good news for everyone, especially those who are suffering. Everyone looks at Jesus expectantly. Then Jesus tells them, this promise is being fulfilled by him - today!

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life."

Help me, Lord, to listen to your words with my heart. Open my ears and my mind and help me to hear what you are saying to me today. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about anyone who is in slavery of any sort today. Help us all to bring lasting freedom to those in need. 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 time this week when you might have been lacking in confidence and then think of a time when you knew you were doing a good job 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

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for sharing the good news of your love with me. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet, especially anyone who is suffering in any way. Amen.



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Is there anyone new in church you can welcome with a smile?



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

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

COLLECT

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart...

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



FIRST READING JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19

Even before we were born, God loved us. Even before we began to grow in our mother's womb, God blessed us. Each of us is called to be a prophet and speak for God. We don't need

to worry at all, because God will be with us. We are to stand tall and be confident. God will help us to put his words into action and tell people by what we say and do just how good God is.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God has loved us from before we were born and given us all a special job to do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 70

My lips will tell of your help.

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



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31 - 13:13

We can all aim to develop different gifts and talents, but there is one thing that is more important than anything else: love. Faith and hope are important, but without love even these gifts are worthless. Love is patient

and kind, it is never boastful or arrogant. Love is not resentful nor holds grudges but always gives second chances. Love will never end. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can all get better at giving and receiving love.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Nothing is more important than love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Welcoming strangers and foreigners is important to God. Jesus reminds us today how God sent the prophets Elijah and Elisha to foreigners. It was the widow from Zarephath who was helped and Naaman, the Syrian, who was healed, not local people. God has no favourites, but loves everyone equally - and so must we.



THINK

Jesus' neighbours were annoyed because he didn't do what they expected or wanted. Sometimes we have ideas about how things should be and how people should behave. Maybe we can be more open-minded and expect the unexpected in future!



GOSPEL LUKE 4:21-30

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

Just listen to the crowd grumbling and complaining about Jesus. At first, when they heard him speaking so well in the synagogue, everyone had been impressed. Now they are beginning to wonder. They think that because he's local and they know his dad, Jesus can't be anything special. They want him

to prove himself by performing the sort of miracles he has been working in Capernaum. When Jesus reminds the crowd that God works in unexpected ways, it infuriates them. They jump up and violently hustle him out of town. Fortunately, Jesus is able to slip through the crowd and walks away to safety.

STAND to LISTEN

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

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



PRAY

"...and the greatest of these is love."

Thank you, Lord, for loving me so much. Help me to grow in love. Help me to be more patient and kind. Amen.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is being mistreated because of their race or religion. Help us all to treat other people with kindness and to stand up for what is right. 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 time this week when you were selfish and then think about all the times when you were loving and kind. 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

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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 showing me what real love is like. Help me to grow in my ability to love others. Amen.



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