

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



Fifth Sunday of Easter

15 May 2022 - Year C

***"I give you a new commandment:
love one another."***

Something to Think About

Jesus tells us to love one another just as he loves us.
How did Jesus show his love for other people?

The Story

In today's gospel story, Jesus knows that he is about to die. He wants to tell his disciples something very important that they will remember. Jesus had spent his whole life loving others, and for the past three years the disciples had seen him showing this love to all kinds of people. Jesus showed love to others by serving them, helping them, healing them, teaching them, forgiving them. Jesus wants to remind his friends that if they want to be his disciples, they have to love like this.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

13:31, 33-35

After Judas had gone, Jesus said:
"My children, I will be with you for a little while longer.
Then you will look for me,
but you won't find me.
I tell you just as I told the people,
'You cannot go where I am going.'

"But I am giving you a new command.
You must love each other,
just as I have loved you.
If you love each other,
everyone will know that you are my disciples."

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

Video

Click to watch the video and sing along! [Love One Another](#)



Group Discussion

Jesus gave his followers a new command – to love one another just as Jesus loved. If we do this, everyone will know that we are friends of Jesus. In this Easter season of joy and hope, what will you do to show love to those around you?

Praying For Others

Leader: Trusting in God's love and encouragement, we pray for the needs of the world.

Reader 1: We pray for our parents and family who love us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for people who show kindness to strangers. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for courage to love like Jesus loved. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for people who do not feel loved. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for peace in our world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving us with such a great love. Help us to show this love to the people we meet.
Amen.

Group Activity

Love Wreath

You will need: scripture quote for each child (see below), paper plate, heart shapes cut from pink and red paper, glue, coloured pencils, red ribbon for hanging.

- 1) Add colour to the centre circle of the plate.
- 2) Glue the scripture quote in the centre.
- 3) Glue the coloured hearts around the outer edge of the plate.
- 4) Affix some red ribbon to the top for hanging.



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**FIND THESE WORDS
IN THE PUZZLE**

**YOU ARE MY
DISCIPLES**

**LOVE ONE
ANOTHER**

**A NEW
COMMANDMENT**



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