

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 October 2023 – Year A

**“Love the Lord your God, and
your neighbour as yourself.”**

Something to Think About

What does it mean to love someone? Who do you love?
Sometimes it seems easy to love people but, at other times, loving is not easy.
Is there someone that you find difficult to love?
Since God loves us so much, we are called to love God and other people.

The Story

The religious leaders are trying to trick Jesus again in today's story, by asking him which is the greatest commandment. This is an easy one for Jesus! First of all you must love God and secondly, you must love your neighbour. If we do these things, we will live as God wants us to.

The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-40

Love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.
After Jesus had made the Sadducees look foolish,
the Pharisees heard about it and got together.
One of them was an expert in the Jewish Law.
So he tried to test Jesus by asking,
"Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?"
Jesus answered:
"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.'
This is the first and most important commandment.
The second most important commandment is like this one.
And it is, 'Love others as much as you love yourself.'
All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets
are based on these two commandments."

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

Video

Click to watch the video.
[Love God Love People](#)



Group Discussion

Invite the children to describe the love their parents have for them.

Then ask the children to describe the love that God has for them.

Invite everyone to share stories about the ways they have seen other people showing their love for others or for God.

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will work together to bring peace to the world. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray that we will love God and love people. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who feel unloved. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray that our love will show itself in kind words and actions. 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.

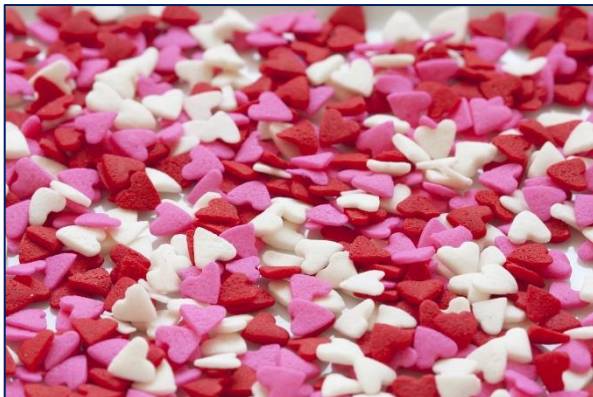
Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
Help us to love you with our whole heart and to love one another. Teach us to be kind and forgiving as we spread your love in the world.
Amen.

Group Activity

Heart Suncatchers

You will need: red cardstock, tissue paper in assorted colours, clear contact paper, scissors, marker pen.

1) Fold two pieces of cardstock in half, draw half a heart shape against the fold on one side and cut out. Then leave a few cm and cut around the inside again to make the heart frame. This should give you two heart frames of the same size.

2) Place each heart frame onto the sticky side of some contact paper which has been cut to a size just a bit bigger than the heart frame. Set one heart aside.

3) Children add coloured tissue paper inside the heart frame on the sticky contact. When complete, place the other heart frame over top so that the sticky sides of the contact press together. Trim the contact paper and hang the sun catchers in the window!



LOVE GOD — LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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CUT OUT THE HEART.

**WRITE A MESSAGE TO
SOMEONE SPECIAL.**

**TELL THEM YOU LOVE THEM.
DECORATE IT WITH A DRAWING
AND GIVE IT TO THEM AS A GIFT.**