



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 2024

John 12:20-33

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.



You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website. [Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



The Bible and Catholics
All Scripture is inspired by God

Some Greeks were among those who had gone to Jerusalem to worship during the festival. They went to Philip (he was from Bethsaida in Galilee) and said, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, and the two of them went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has now come for the Son of Man to receive great glory. I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. Those who love their own life will lose it; those who hate their own life in this world will keep it for life eternal. Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honour anyone who serves me.

"Now my heart is troubled—and what shall I say? Shall I say, 'Father, do not let this hour come upon me'? But that is why I came—so that I might go through this hour of suffering. Father, bring glory to your name!"

Then a voice spoke from heaven, "I have brought glory to it, and I will do so again."

The crowd standing there heard the voice, and some of them said it was thunder, while others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

But Jesus said to them, "It was not for my sake that this voice spoke, but for yours. Now

is the time for this world to be judged; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (In saying this he indicated the kind of death he was going to suffer.)

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)





Jesus says that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies then it will give a rich harvest.

What do you think Jesus means by that? Jesus is using this image to explain that he must die on the cross so that he can rise again and so people will believe he is the Son of God.

What happens to a seed when you plant it? The seed dies as it grows into a plant.

Wheat is an important thing to grow because it is used in lots of foods. Can you name some foods that wheat is used in? How about if I tell you that wheat is used to make flour? What can you make with flour?

One single seed can grow lots of food. Think about how tiny an apple seed is inside your apple, which you can plant and grow into an apple tree that will produce lots of other apples. Can you think of some other foods that can be grown from a single seed?

You may not be very used to growing things, but about a quarter of all people in the world live from farming. For them, planting and growing seeds is a matter of life and death.

If their food doesn't grow well, their families will be hungry. The people listening to Jesus would have known all about what that means, as many of them would have grown their own food.

An organisation called CAFOD works with farmers in many poor countries so that they can use the best seeds to grow on their land. CAFOD's local trainers give the farmers good advice on how to grow strong plants even when the weather is too dry - or too wet.

Jesus had to die so that he could rise again. Through his death and resurrection he gave us all new life. And he calls us all to follow him, in all that we do.

Just like a seed, our actions, even if we do just one little thing, can also grow into something big. Especially if we join together with others. For example if I want to make the world a fairer place, on my own I am easy to ignore. But if all of us come together and get our friends and our families to join in too, we are much harder to ignore!

What will you do this week to make a difference to someone else?

Art can help bring the Gospel to life for children.

explore the gospel
-THROUGH ART

explore
THE
gospel
AT HOME

You may find the website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to explore with your child. Each day they share artwork linked to the daily Gospel.

**You place your hopes on Moses
but Moses will be your accuser
John 5:31-47**

**The Children of Israel Crossing
the Red Sea,
Painted by Frédéric Schopin
(1804-1880),
Painted circa 1855,
Oil on canvas
© Bristol Museums, Galleries &
Archives**



We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!

Traditional: 'Lord of All Hopefulness' by Jan Struther
Contemporary: 'Rise and Shine' (unknown)
Contemporary: 'Promises' by Maverick City Music
Contemporary: 'Hope's Anthem' by William Matthews/Bethel



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

Username: st-michaels-tw15
Password: thames-orange
Parent Portal:
www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

**Ten:Ten
Resources**



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children. You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

*Which principle do you think the gospel teaching
best relate to this week?*



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

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LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
March - St David (1st) - St Casimir (4th) - Ss Perpetua and Felicity (7th) - St John of God (8th) - St Frances of Rome (9th) - St Patrick (17th) - St Cyril of Jerusalem (18th) - St Joseph (19th) - Annunciation (25th)	March - Zero Discrimination Day (1st) - World Wildlife Day (2nd) - International Women's Day (8th) - Mother's Day (10th) - International Day of Happiness; French Language Day (20th) - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21st) - World Poetry Day (21st) - Remembrance of Victims of Slavery Day (23rd)	- Pesach (Jewish Passover Mar/Apr) - Holla Mohalla (Sikh Olympics – 17th) - Holi (Hindu Festival of Colours) - Laylat al-Mi'raj (Islamic Mar/Apr)