

XTRA! 21st May 2020

We cannot gather together in St John's, but we can gather spiritually as we worship today. So first, refresh yourselves with something to eat and drink and then set your space as we sing:

Gathering Song: Come into His Presence Singing Alleluia

During which the table is set (white cloth) and candle is lit.

Greeting

Peace be with you
And also with you

Kyrie Confession

Introduce confession. Then:

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy **Christ have Mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: Anderson Gloria

*Gloria **, Gloria **, in excelsis Deo! x2*

Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit;
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We sing our song of praise.

*Gloria **, Gloria **, in excelsis Deo. x2*

Activity

Draw two faces, one on one piece of paper and the other on another; one happy and one sad. Or you could use the faces at the end of this in the resources.

Think about what makes you happy and what makes you sad; if you are with someone else, you can talk to each other about it. Write some of your ideas round the faces.

Reading Matthew 5:1-10

Once, Jesus went up a hill to teach people about his Father's kingdom. He told them that God blesses those who depend on him, and those who are humble he raises up. God's kingdom turns everything upside down and inside out. Jesus said something like this:

1. Blessed are those who rely on God's help; heaven is theirs
2. Blessed are those who are sad and upset; God will comfort them.
3. Blessed are those who don't show off but think of others first; they shall be given the earth;
4. Blessed are those who want fairness; God will satisfy them.
5. Blessed are those who are kind and forgiving to others; they will be given the same.
6. Blessed are those who try to please God in what they do and think; they will be with God.
7. Blessed are those who are peaceful and try to stop others fighting; God will call them his sons and daughters.
8. Blessed are people who get into trouble for doing the right thing; God's kingdom belongs to them.

Look at the pictures on the next page; I wonder if you agree with what I have chosen. The numbers match the picture to one of Jesus' sayings.

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Wondering questions

- I wonder if you've ever followed your teacher outside for a lesson;
- I wonder what it means to be blessed;
- I wonder which of the things that Jesus said you like the best;
- I wonder what would make God really happy.

Song: *Topsy Turvy Kingdom*

<https://youtu.be/j97g9kDqlGo>

You probably don't know this song, but the chorus is really catchy and I think describes what Jesus' kingdom is like.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that you came down low from highest heaven to be with us; that you know the heights and depths of our lives and are there with us in all we do and experience.

Help us to know your presence when we are low.

Help us to celebrate with you when we are high.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive
us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

**May the lightness of God go with you.
May the brightness of God go with you.
May he shine on all you do.
May God bless you.**

Messy Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all, now and for ever more.
Amen**

Resources:

Refreshments
White cloth, candle, matches
Paper, pencil



