

Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:

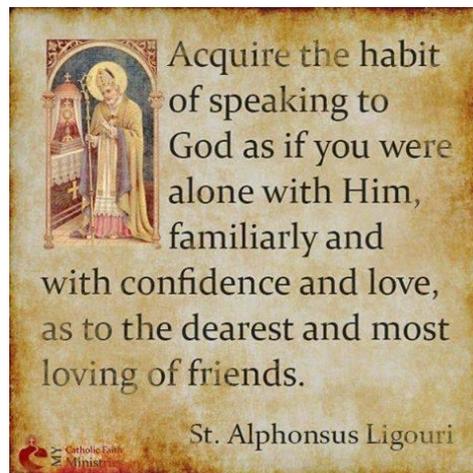
**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.**

Welcome.....

**Song: Father of Creation
(can be sung or listened to)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnnHSxW3N0w>

Reflection time:



Read the saying by St Ligouri, reflect and/or share with those who you gather with the following?

- Do you have a habit, if so what is it?
- Did it start suddenly or did it gradually happen?

It is now 40 days after Easter when Jesus died and rose again. During those 40 days Jesus has been appearing to all his disciples at different times and in different places but on the 40th day he appeared for one last time. They were friends and spent a lot of time together before and after Jesus death, do you think the disciples had pick up habits from Jesus, if so, pause and wonder what they would be?

Bible passage: Luke 24.44-53

AND/OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cJtafGUVno>

End at 1min 2 secs

Interactive Learning.....

When we spend time with people we often pick up their habits or we notice their habits, it becomes part of them part of their personality and we love them for it. Jesus often spoke to God or spoke of God with the tone or knowing God, being familiar with God and being able to come before him with confidence as if he was sitting right next to us. Just as the disciples saw Jesus as a close friend and learnt "Holy Habits" from him and also thinking of how St Alphonus encourages us – let us acquire a habit of being with Him, with confidence and being with someone very close so we don't feel alone and more like the disciples who had a very important mission to tell people and Jesus..... As we look forward to Pentecost let us practice those "Holy Habits".

Ascension Bubbles: Activity and Prayer for Ascension Day

You will need: A plastic bottle or glass jar, water, vegetable oil, food colouring, Alka seltzer tablets



Fill a bottle or jar halfway full with water and mix in some food colouring.

Now fill the rest of the bottle with oil, leaving a small space at the top.

The oil will separate from the water into a separate layer.

Drop an Alka Seltzer tablet (or try a quarter or half at a time if they are large tablets) into the bottle and watch as bubbles of coloured water start to ascend into the oil layer in the style of a mini lava lamp!

Watch the bubbles rising and think about the sight of Jesus ascending and what that might have meant for the disciples. What might they have been thinking/ feeling? What does it feel like to wait for something, as the disciples had been told to go and wait for the Holy Spirit to come?

Re in act the following version of 'the Great Commission' with the suggested actions:

Go (*point forward with one arm and finger outstretched*)

Into all the world (*describe a tiny circle with your outstretched finger and then make that circle bigger and bigger*)

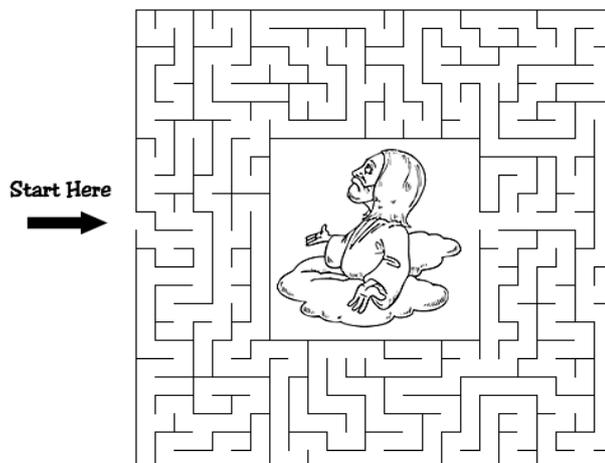
And share the good news (*cup hands together and offer 'the contents' around to people left and right*)

With everybody, everywhere (*rapidly point to everyone in the whole group and beyond*)

And I will be with you.

Just wait, stop in Jerusalem until you receive the promise.

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Whilst creating chat about the following questions & Share stories.....

- What "Holy Habits", behaviours or how to act did Jesus teach about? (Remember the parables too)
- Is there a habit you need to stop in order to take up a new habit? think about how you are spending your time
- Think of a habit you can practised this week to be part of Jesus important mission?

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: He is Alive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TkUMJtK5k>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to silently name their habit they want to practice or to share out loud. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The 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.**



Song: We want to see Jesus Lifted High

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLJmRPvhgdo>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: I'm Gonna Jump up & down

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WodvQf0Jo9s>

can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

**Ask different members to blow out the
candles.....until you meet again**

Extra Ideas

- <http://www.aprilshome.com/2011/06/jesus-ascension-craft.html>
- <https://ideas.brf.org.uk/messy-mission-acts-1-12>
- <https://lifeovercs.com/free-jesus-ascension-craft-and-scripture-printables/>
- Recreate the story using

