

# St Alban's Catholic Church, Finchley

Children's Liturgy

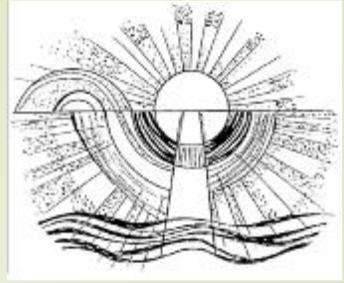
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# 7th Sunday of Easter Year A Sunday 24<sup>h</sup> May 2020



Do you have a candle and perhaps a cross? Why don't you collect them and join together as a family to welcome Jesus.

Let us light the candle, make the sign of the cross and say...

Dear God,  
Thank you for the big, round world  
Thank you for the sea.  
Thank you God for all my friends,  
Thank you God for loving me.  
Amen



Start with this song to start. Both songs are the same as Easter Sunday. It is good to keep singing the same songs for the Easter season to embed the message of Jesus' resurrection, so we can learn them and the message becomes meditative and to mark the importance of the Easter season that lasts several weeks, not just on Easter Sunday

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=diRs2mMgrfYh><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgekPHph4wA>

This is in Latin, it means, 'The risen Christ, sing to the Lord!'

Keep singing the refrain as the recording sings the verses on top.

**(hum) Surrexit Christus, alleluia!**

**(hum) Cantate Domino, alleluia!**

All you heavens, bless the Lord. Stars of the heavens, bless the Lord.

Sun and moon, bless the Lord.

And you night and day, bless the Lord.

Ice and snow, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord.

And you, light and darkness, bless the Lord.

Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.

Sing hosanna to the King, sing hosanna, sing hosanna!

Saints and the humble hearted, bless the Lord.



(Jacques Berthier 1923-94, Taize)

## Let us read today's Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chNugWlbXc8>

(Marty Haugen)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 17:1-11)

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. For you gave him authority over all humanity, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. And eternal life means knowing you, the only true God, and knowing Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made.

"I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word, and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them. And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.*

## Reflection

In today's Gospel, we travel back to the Last Supper - the night before Jesus was crucified on the cross. Jesus is praying to God. This is Jesus' way of telling his disciples that he is leaving them to return to his Father, God in Heaven. The Ascension was celebrated on Thursday this week. He wants to be reunited with God.

Just as Jesus wanted to be united with God, he wants His people to be united with God.

He also wants us to be united with each other for that is how we recognise God in our world, in each other: doing what Jesus taught us to 'love one another' - **"my glory is shown through them."** Glory is the visible manifestation of God's presence and power. Jesus wants God's presence and power to be visible in each one of us. **How do we show that?** We must follow Jesus' commandment, **'love one another'**.

Jesus wanted his disciples to love one another, to be united with each other, to be together – just as closely as Jesus and God the Father are together. Jesus prayed for us too. He wants us to be united, together, loving one another.

**How do you feel united with God?**

**How do you recognise God in others?**

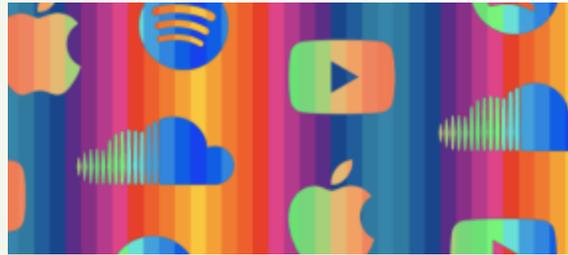
**How can you be united with others?**

We might spend time together. And be at peace with each other, listening to each other and helping each other. We would want what is best for the other person – loving one another as much as we love ourselves.

In a special letter called Laudato Si', Pope Francis asks all to join together to care for our earth and for each other. Last week was a very special week as this letter is five years old. Watch our animation to find out more about Laudato Si': <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-animation>

## Activity 1

What do you love to have, or to do? Would you be able to help someone else enjoy the same? Perhaps you have a favourite book and could read it to your little brother or sister. Perhaps you enjoy making music; you could invite a friend to do that with you over the phone or computer.



## Activity 2

Over the last couple of months, we have witnessed many examples of love and kindness on the world stage and in our local area. These acts unite us and reveal God in others.

Make a cartoon of all these acts of love. Perhaps add thought bubbles that explain why people do these things.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLpxiMOn3TM>

You could now sing, **This Day Was Made By The Lord**  
- Join in the chorus!

(Boyce & Stanley CJM)

***This day was made by the Lord!***

***We rejoice!***

***This day was made by the Lord!***

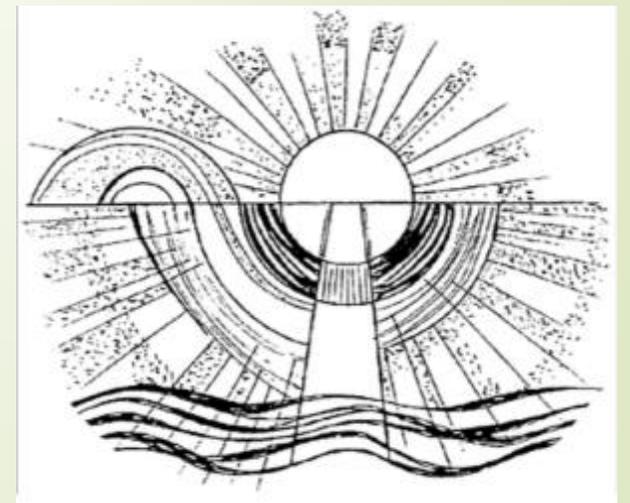
***We rejoice! We rejoice!***

***We rejoice and are glad!***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good  
His love has no end.  
Let the children of Israel say  
"His love has no end." Alleluia!

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
His right raised me up.  
I shall not die I shall live  
And recount his deeds. Alleluia!

The stone which the builders rejected  
Becomes the corner stone .  
This is the work of the Lord;  
A marvel in our eyes. *Alleluia!*



Today's psalm is, I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Let us now bow our heads and say our closing prayer together...

Dear Lord,  
You sent your Son Jesus  
to show us how to love.  
Help us learn to work together in love,  
and to make the world a better place  
for everyone.  
Amen.

