

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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***“They all ate and were filled.”***

### Something to Think About

Have you ever had people come to your house for a meal? How did your family look after the visitors and make them feel welcome? Did you give them something to eat and drink?

### The Story

This story tells us something about God's kingdom and also about how we are to work together with Jesus and with one another to bring about the kingdom. Jesus tells us we can't expect him to do everything. When Jesus and his disciples are surrounded by thousands of people, the disciples just want to send the people away. They don't really want to put in any effort. But Jesus tells the disciples: 'You give them something to eat'. Jesus is telling the disciples that they have a role to play in bringing about the kingdom.

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

**9:11-17**

Jesus welcomed the people. He spoke to them about God's kingdom and healed everyone who was sick.

Late in the afternoon the twelve apostles came to Jesus and said, "Send the crowd to the villages and farms around here. They need to find a place to stay and something to eat. There is nothing in this place. It is like a desert!"

Jesus answered, "You give them something to eat."

But they replied,

"We have only five small loaves of bread and two fish. If we are going to feed all these people, we will have to go and buy food." There were about five thousand men in the crowd.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Have the people sit in groups of fifty."

They did this, and all the people sat down. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the bread and fish and handed them to his disciples to give to the people. Everyone ate all they wanted. What was left over filled twelve baskets.

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

### Video

Click to watch the video. [Lunch at school](#)



## Group Discussion

There is action in this story. It sounds a lot like the Eucharist that we celebrate together when we go to Mass at church. The disciples give their bread and their fish which Jesus blesses and breaks and gives back to the disciples to distribute.

We are asked to give of ourselves too. How might you reach out to those who are hungry, or to those who need your friendship, or attention, or kindness?

## Praying For Others

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

*Reader 1:* We pray that all people in the world will have enough to eat. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray for forgiveness and healing. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for love and laughter. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray that all people might have clean water to drink. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray that we put in the effort to help others. 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 our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear Jesus,  
Help us to look after one another and  
to show our love for others through  
the kind things we do.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

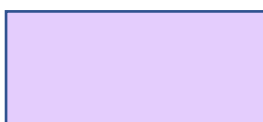
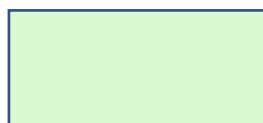
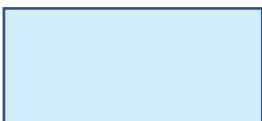
### Sprinkle Someone's Day with Kindness

*Each child will need:* an ice-cream template printed on cardboard (see below), pencils or pens, scissors, glue.

1. Talk together about ways in which children can show generosity and kindness to others. It might be sharing some food, giving a hug or smile, helping in the garden...
2. Ask children to write or draw one idea on each sprinkle.
3. Then assist children to cut out sprinkles and glue onto the ice-cream.



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DAMPER  
AT HOME AND  
INVITE SOMEONE  
SPECIAL  
TO SHARE IT  
WITH YOU.**



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