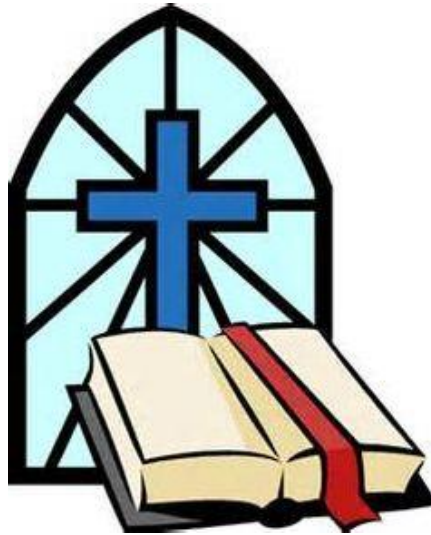


# The Liturgy of the Word For Little Saints (Ages 5—11)



**The First Sunday of Christmas  
December 26, 2021**



# A Note to Parents

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

*Matthew 19:14*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ? We will!

*The Baptism Liturgy from The Book of Common Prayer 2019*

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Your Child is the future of the Church!

We are so glad they are here with us in worship.

Our children’s ministry team is here to support you as you teach your child **biblical literacy** and **liturgical participation**.

This kid’s bulletin is designed to help them live into their baptism and worship the living God as part of our parish family.

The **responses** of the people are all in bolded **green**. The **rubrics** for standing and sitting are in **red**.

There are also some activities included about today’s readings.

At the back of the bulletin is liturgy (a pattern of worship) for **Family Prayer in the Morning**.



# The TEN Commandments

The Ten Commandments are a summary and outline of God's Law.

Recite the Ten Commandments

**Stand up**

- 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.**
- 2. You shall not make for yourself any idol.**
- 3. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.**
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.**
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.**
- 6. You shall not murder.**
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 8. You shall not steal.**
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 10. You shall not covet.**



# Today's Gospel Lesson

**“Gospel” means “good news.” The four books in the New Testament tell the story of Jesus’ life, which we call the Gospels. They include Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.**

## **Remain Standing**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## **John 1:1-18 (International Children's Bible)**

**Before the world began, there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were made through him. Nothing was made without him. 4 In him there was life. That life was light for the people of the world. 5 The Light shines in the darkness. And the darkness has not overpowered the Light. 6 There was a man named John[c] who was sent by God. 7 He came to tell people about the Light. Through him all people could hear about the Light and believe. 8 John was not the Light, but he came to tell people about the Light. 9 The true Light was coming into the world. The true Light gives light to all. 10 The Word was in the world. The world was made through him, but the world did not know him. 11 He came to the world that was his own. But his own people did not accept him. 12 But some people did accept him. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They did not become his children in the human way. They were not born because of the desire or wish of some man. They were born of God. 14 The Word became a man and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father. The Word was full of grace and truth. 15 John told about him. He said, “This is the One I was talking about. I said, ‘The One who comes after me is greater than I am. He was living before me.’” 16 The Word was full of grace and truth. From him we all received more and more blessings. 17 The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No man has ever seen God. But God the only Son is very close to the Father. And the Son has shown us what God is like.**

**The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Praise be to God.**

# The Apostles Creed

**A creed is a statement of faith. The purpose of the creeds is to declare and safeguard for all generations essential truths about God, the Church, and the world, as revealed in Holy Scripture.**

## **Remain Standing**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

You should learn the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his disciples as both a practice and pattern for prayer to God the Father. We should pray the Lord's Prayer regularly because it teaches us to pray as Jesus commanded and to desire what his Father wills.

**Sit**

**Fold Your Hands & Bow Your Head**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



## **Bible Verse of the Month**

Psalm 119:105 (English  
Standard Version)

Your word is a lamp  
to my feet and a  
light for my path.

JESUS WENT HOME WITH HIS PARENTS, WHERE HE CONTINUED TO GROW IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND PEOPLE.

Find and circle 6 differences between these two pictures.

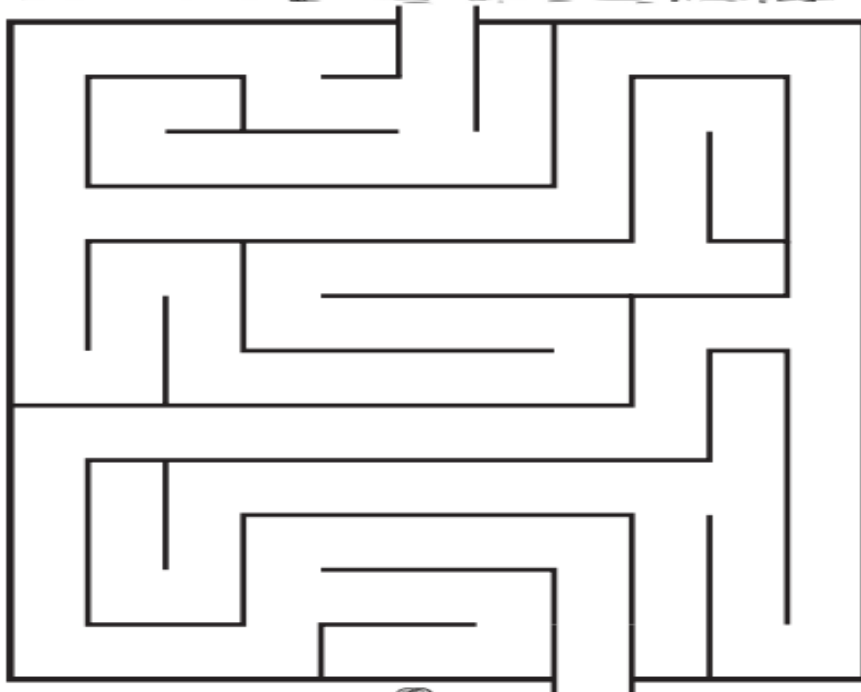






WHEN HE WAS A BOY, JESUS WENT TO JERUSALEM WITH HIS PARENTS. ON THE WAY BACK HOME, NO ONE COULD FIND JESUS, SO MARY AND JOSEPH WENT BACK TO JERUSALEM TO LOOK FOR JESUS.

Help them find Jesus.



AFTER SEARCHING FOR 3 DAYS, THEY FOUND JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.

# FAMILY PRAYER

## In the Morning

**One or both parents read text in black, family responds with green text together**

*The following or some other verse of Scripture is said*

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

**PSALM 51:15**

### PSALM 51:10-12

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \***  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence, \***  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 12 O give me the comfort of your help again, \***  
**and sustain me with your willing Spirit.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**  
**world without end. Amen.**

*Alternatively, Psalm 5:1-3 may be used.*

### A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

**1 PETER 1:3**

*or this*

**Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**COLOSSIANS 1:12-14**

*or this*

**If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.**

**COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

*A period of silence may follow.*

*A hymn or song of praise may be used*

**APOSTLES' CREED (page 9) May be said.**

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(page 10)**

**THE COLLECT**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

