

# Mass at Home Feast of the Holy Family 2021 Year C

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## WELCOMING

Welcome to St Paul Apostle Catholic Community. We invite you to turn off your mobiles please.

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As we celebrate this feast day, we are reminded that the Holy Family is not only the model for families, but for all Christian communities. We have been made to live in connection with one another. May our families and communities nurture faith, hope, peace and love .

Please stand for our Gathering Song

## PENITENTIAL RITE

We confess our faults so that we may support each other in prayer

Lord you call us to a shared life of holiness. Lord, have mercy  
Lord you have saved us from the loneliness of sin. Christ, have mercy  
Lord you bring us together in your grace. Lord have mercy

## Opening Prayer:

Let us pray

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life.

May all of our families and communities be bound together in love and joy and may we one day delight in your eternal presence. Amen

## First Reading

*1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28*

*For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord .*

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel ‘since’ she said ‘I asked the Lord for him.’

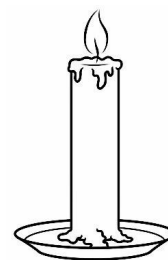
When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, ‘Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.’

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child’s mother came to Eli. She said, ‘If you please, my lord. As

you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord  
The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God.



They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
gave ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed

## Second Reading

*1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24*

*He calls you his own children, and that is what you are .*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us

The word of God

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**                    *Lk 2:41-52*

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

This is the Word of God

## **Homily**

## Prayers of intercession

### *Presider*

God, we pray to you as we try to live a life for each other.

### *Reader:*

For the Pope: that he may proclaim in word and deed God's love for the whole human family, especially the broken. Lord hear us

For all bishops, priest and leaders in the Church: that they may be wise and strong in offering the freedom that comes through the truth. Lord hear us

For the lay people of the Church: that they may show the power of God in the love that knows no bounds Lord hear us

For the strangers among us: that they may find welcome and friendship in God's name. Lord hear us

For all who have left this world: that they might come to the great friendship of eternity. Lord hear us.

### *Parish prayer*

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### *Presider:*

God, grant us here on earth something of the love of heaven, that our love on earth may not be lost to eternity. We offer our prayers through Christ our Lord

## **Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;  
From all harm protect me;  
At the hour of my death, call me;  
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,  
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## **CONCLUSION**

May we share the life of the Holy Trinity, so that our imperfect love on earth may lead us to the complete love of heaven. And may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

