

Xtra! 11th June 2020 - Mary & Martha

We cannot gather together in St John's, but we can gather spiritually as we worship today. So first, refresh yourselves with something to eat and drink and then set your space as we sing:

Gathering Song: *Be still and know that I am God*

During which a table is set (green cloth) and candle is lit.

Greeting

Peace be with you
And also with you

Kyrie Confession

Introduce confession. Then:

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy **Christ have Mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: *"Anderson" Gloria*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITFmu1LepTE>

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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Lord God, heavenly king

peace you bring to us;

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we sing our song of praise.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Reading: *Mary & Martha*

Jesus and his disciples were travelling along the road and came to a village. When they got there, a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary., who sat down in front of Jesus and was listening to what he said. Martha was worried about all that had to be done. Finally, she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!"

Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one

thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her."

Later, when Jesus had finished praying one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray....."

So Jesus told them, "Pray in this way:

Father help us to honour your name. Come and set up your kingdom. Give us each day the food we need. Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us."

Wondering questions

- I wonder what Martha had got wrong?
- I wonder why Mary just sat and listened?
- I wonder which part of the prayer Jesus prayed is special to you?

Activity

Get a piece of paper and write the words of the Lord's prayer randomly over it. Colour in the words or decorate the paper. Perhaps linking the words with lines to connect the phrases.

Maybe you could draw your hands on the bottom to show that you are praying this prayer.

Song: (link below)

[Father I place into your hands](#)

Father I place into your hands
The things that I can't do.
Father, I place into your hands
The times that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
The way that I should go,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands
My friends and family
Father, I place into your hands
The things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
The person I would be,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to seek your face,
We love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
And in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
And in your presence rest,
For we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you
And do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
That you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
That you will draw to you,
For I know that I am one with you.

Prayer

**Heavenly Father, God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.**

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.**

Blessing

**May the lightness of God go with you.
May the brightness of God go with you.
May he shine on all you do.
May God bless you.**

Messy Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all, now and for ever more.
Amen**

Resources:

Refreshments
Green cloth, candle, matches
Paper, crayons