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# Our theme this week is:



## Be the Light

Peace be with you  
And with your spirit



We light our candle to remind us of Christ's  
presence with us as we gather  
**+In the name of the Father ...**

Shine

The word "Shine" is rendered in a bright, glowing white cursive font. The letters are interconnected, with the 'S' and 'h' having large loops. The 'i' has a dot that is a solid white sphere. The 'n' has a dot that is a solid white sphere. The 'e' has a dot that is a solid white sphere. The word is set against a dark blue background with a stylized cityscape. There are several green, rounded trees of varying sizes. In the background, there are dark silhouettes of buildings. On the right side, there is a taller, multi-story building with many windows. The overall scene is lit with a soft blue glow, suggesting a night or twilight setting.

Jesus tells us today that if we do what is good and right, others will see that we believe and will praise God.

We can be an example for others, like a light shining to show the way. Let's think about that light as we listen to the readings.

# Opening Prayer

God of hope,  
May we be an example to others so that  
the light of Jesus shines brightly in the  
world. We ask this through Jesus Christ  
your Son.  
Amen.

Lord Jesus,  
We are sorry for the times when we have not  
been respectful to other people.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**LORD HAVE MERCY**

Christ Jesus,  
We are sorry for the times when we have not  
been kind.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Lord Jesus,  
We are sorry for not being safe all the time.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**LORD HAVE MERCY**



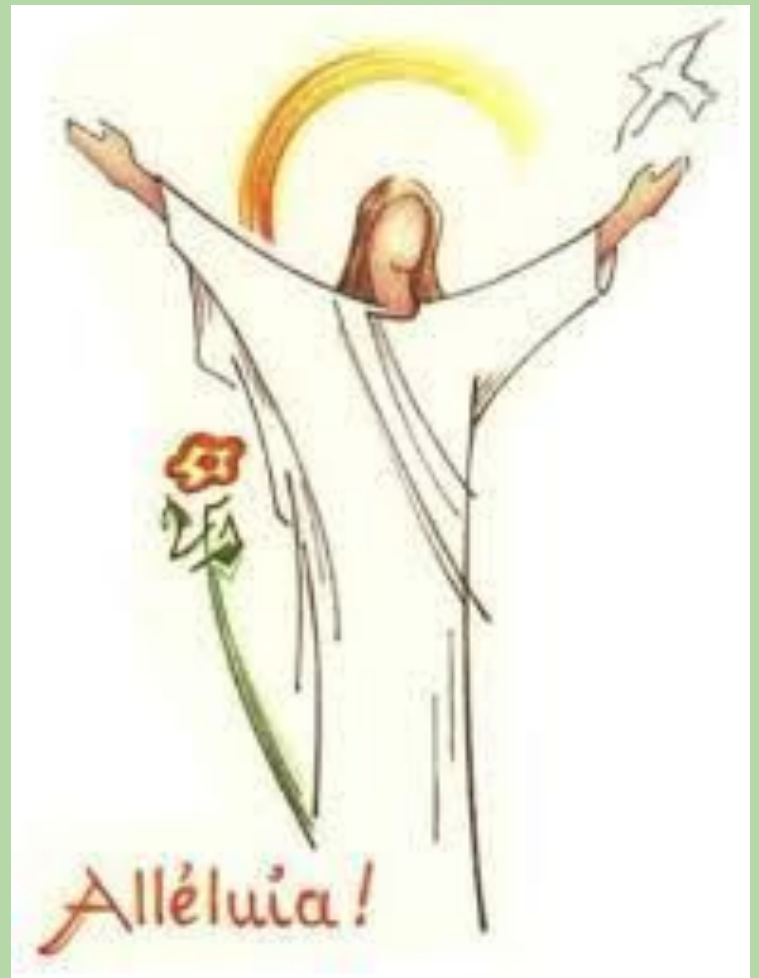
OH ALLE...ALLE



ALLE...ALLE...



LUIA





A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16.  
Glory to you, O Lord



Jesus said to his disciples,  
“You are the salt of the earth.  
But what happens if salt loses its taste?  
It becomes useless and must be thrown away.  
You are the light of the world.  
People don’t light a lamp and then put it under a basket.  
No, instead, they put it up on a stand, so it will shine everywhere in  
the house.  
In the same way, you must let your light shine for others so that  
people can see the good things you do, and give praise to your  
God who is in heaven.”

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

Time to reflect on God's words for  
us today.



# Reflection - What did we hear today?

When it is dark, we switch the light on.

What would happen if we cover the light up with something?

If we uncover the light we will be able to see much better and it won't be so dark anymore.

In the reading today Jesus tells us that we are light to the world. What do you think this means?



# Reflection - What did we hear today?

We are asked to let our light shine in people's sight, so that when they see our good works, they will praise God. Through the things that we do, other people will know how good God is.

God loves everybody, no matter where in the world they are from, whether they are rich or poor. God asks us to do the same because we are all members of the same global family. What do you think we can do to show other people that we care about them?

If we love other people and do what we can to help them, then other people will see how great God's love is. We will be like the light that shines and is not covered up, so that everyone can see.

How will you be like a shining light this week?



## Bidding Prayers

We are called to let *God's* light shine in the world and so we pray together:

We pray for people who are poor: that as we work together with them to build a better future they may feel hope in the light of *God's* love. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may show us how to share *God's* love in all that we do and to be a light to each other. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may be like a light shining in the sight of others and that through our good works, others may praise *God*. Lord, in your mercy...

## Bidding Prayers



We pray for one another. We ask that we may make God's love known in the world too. Join us Mother Mary, as we say,

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

## Closing Prayer

God of joy,

May we share your light with all our sisters and brothers around the world, so that as members of one global family we can work together to build a brighter, fairer future for all people.

**Amen**



# Our faith in action



Last week, we celebrated the children who showed the Gospel Value of Compassion and the Virtue of Justice in their actions.

Our Gospel Value this week is **kindness**.

- Be respectful
- Ask people if they're okay
- Give a hug
- Help our friends
- When someone is sad, you can help them

Our Virtue this week is **prudence**.

- Make the right choice even when no-one is looking!

May God bless us with  
his mercy, strengthen us  
with his love, and enable  
us to walk in charity and  
peace.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

**+ In the name of the Father ...**



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