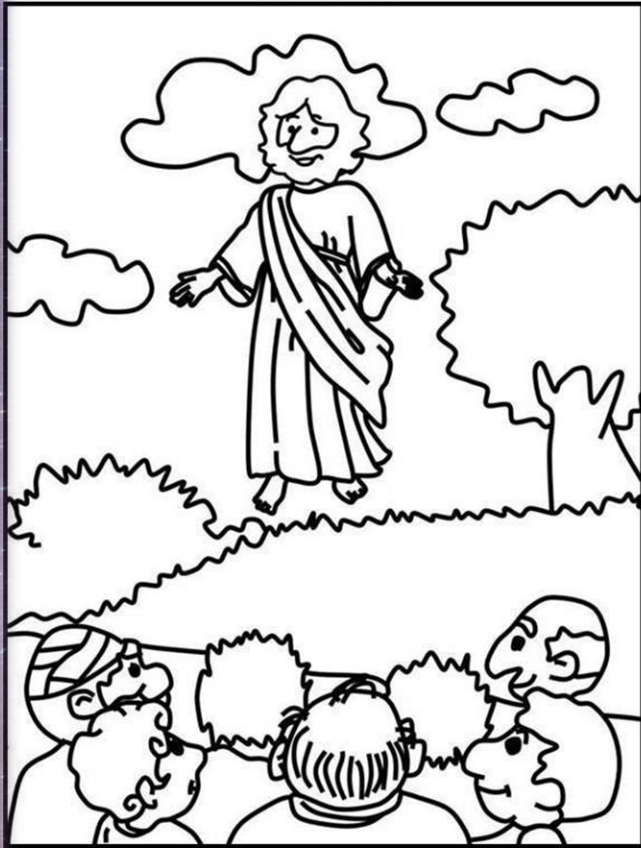


Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Watch over us"



Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." John 17:11-19



'THOUGH WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.'
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

'We pray together at home.'

The 7th
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Easter

Year B

Sunday 16th May 2021

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During this time when we may be unable to join together with our parish communities to celebrate the Eucharist, we offer you this resource as a way of engaging with the readings and prayers of the Mass. The readings are taken from the Lectionary for children.

These resources can be used whilst participating digitally in the many private Masses that priests in our diocese are offering online.

*We hope you find this resource useful.
Mr Gardner
Head of Catholic Life
Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust*

Click here to find the full list of all online streamed Masses available throughout the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/health/coronavirus.php#area3>



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Creating a place of prayer in the home.

Light a candle and gather together with your family. You might place a Crucifix or a Holy Image next to your candle. If you have a Bible, you may like to open the Bible to the readings that are going to be used during Mass today.

Use the link on the first page of this document to access Livestreamed Masses from around the Diocese.

We Gather together as God's family and ask for His Forgiveness

*We gather together in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.*

We turn to God asking for His guidance and strength in our lives.

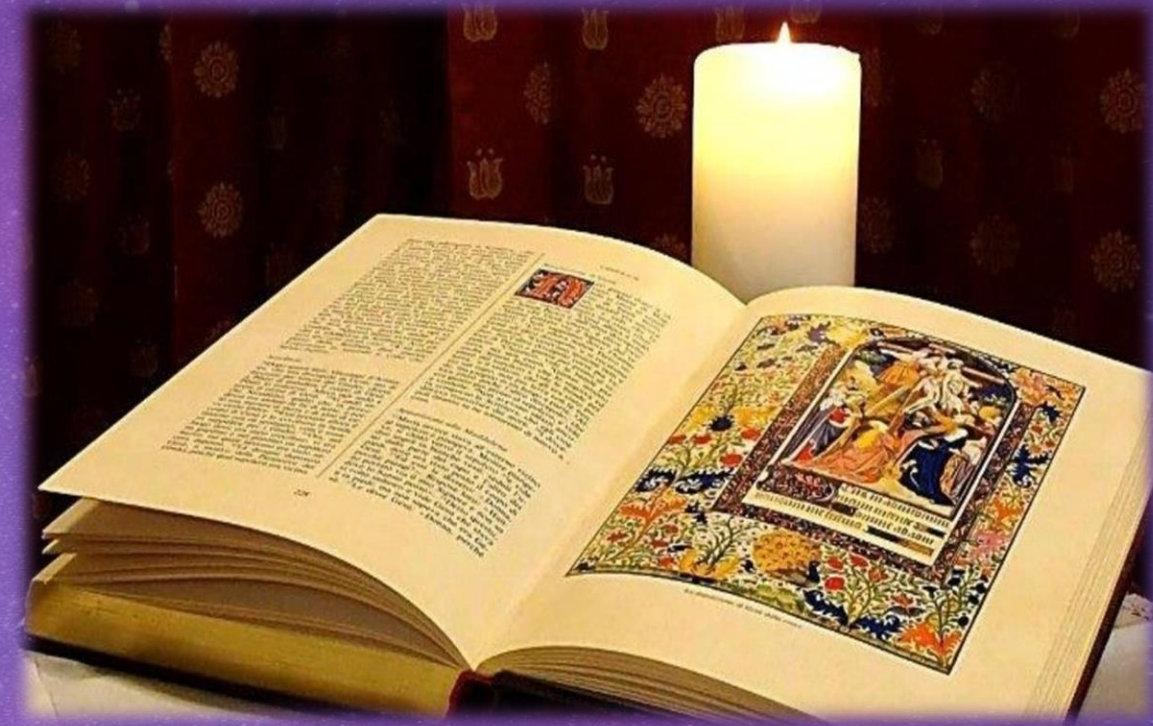
*Lord Jesus, You heal the sick- Lord have mercy
Lord Jesus, You forgive sinners- Christ have mercy*

Lord Jesus, You give us yourself to feed us and bring us strength- Lord have mercy

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

We sing the Gloria- praising God together!



We pray together

Today we hear how Jesus prayed for his disciples - asking God to protect them and to help them to follow his word. Let us think a bit more about this means for us today.

Loving God, watch over us, keep us from harm and help us to follow your word and go out into the world to share it with others through our actions.

Amen.

We Listen to the Word of God:

A reading from the First Letter of St John 4:11-16

Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us.

We are sure that we live in union with God and that he lives in union with us, because he has given us his Spirit. And we have seen and tell others that the Father sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. If we declare that Jesus is the Son of God, we live in union with God and God lives in union with us. And we ourselves know and believe the love which God has for us.

God is love, and those who live in love live in union with God and God lives in union with them.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

God is
love



We Listen to the Word of God:

The Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has set his power in heaven.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord has set his power in heaven.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his power in heaven.



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We Greet the Good News by saying:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia.

† A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 17:11-19

Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost—so that the scripture might come true. And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness. I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world. And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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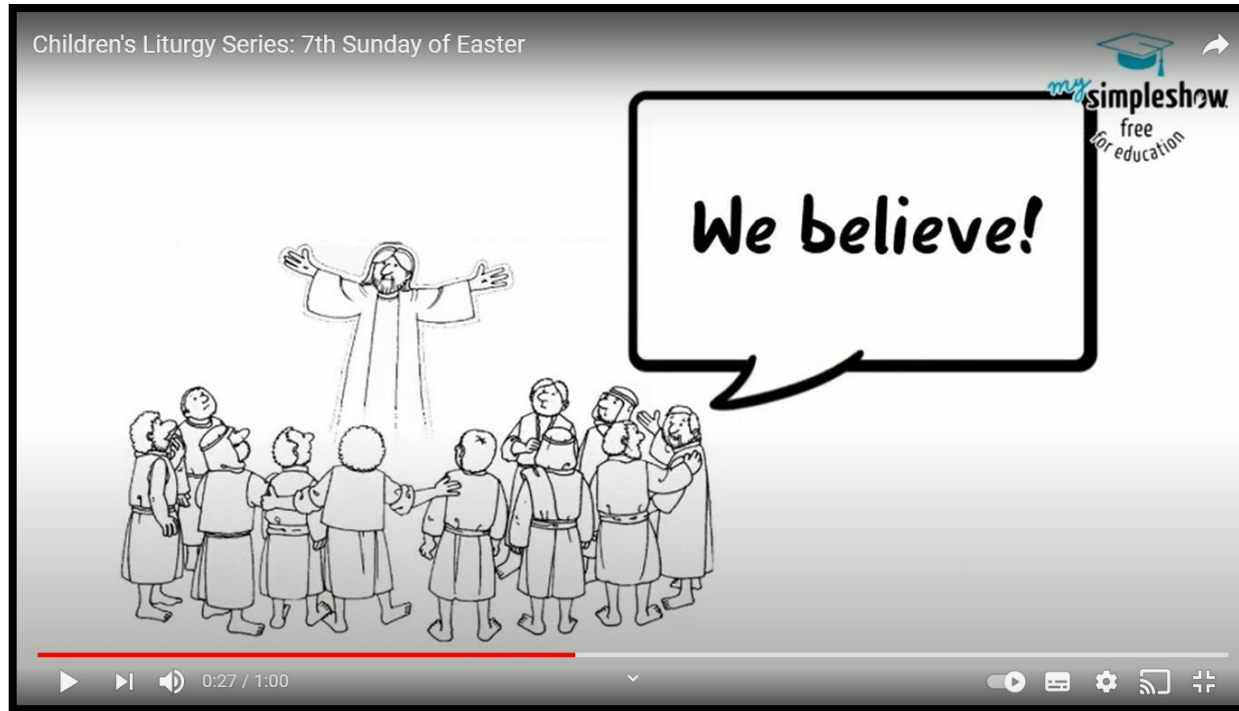
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We Respond - We reflect on today's Gospel:
[Children's Liturgy Series: 7th Sunday of Easter - YouTube](#)



We Profess our faith in God together:

I believe in God the Father, I believe in God the Son, I believe in God the Holy Spirit. Our God is three, Our God is One.

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We Respond (Intercessions taken from www.cafod.org.uk)

We know that it is not always easy to follow Jesus, and so we pray...

We pray for world leaders: that they may be inspired by Jesus and make the right decisions for the good of all people, even when it is hard. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a shining light in the darkest times, bringing help and comfort to all those in need. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our friends, family and parish: that we may always follow Jesus, respecting and caring for all people and for our planet. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: Loving God, move us to follow your Son, to share your love with others as we try to help anyone who needs it, and work together to protect our beautiful world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

"Sanctify them in the truth;
Your word is **truth**."



John 17:17



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We Pray the Family Prayer of All Christians
Our Father...

We now make an Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,

*I believe that you are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into
my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace you as if you were already there and unite
myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated
from you.
Amen*

We end our time of prayer

May God Bless us and keep us safe.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.
Amen*



**We can join in the Celebration of Mass online by visiting the
following website:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-
cFTh5i2y_EQw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_EQw)

**- St. Mary's RC Cathedral, Newcastle
(Sunday Mass at 11:30am- Daily Mass 12 noon)**



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Activity Ideas- From CAFOD

Illustration: explain to the children that while we all need to share in caring for the planet, the people who can make a really big difference are the leaders of our countries. We need to remind them all the time that we are watching whether they are doing a good job or not. Ask them to colour in the "Eyes of the World" illustration and if they can, to add some different people around the world. You can find related materials at cafod.org.uk/primary.

Ask the children to go home and share all that they have heard and thought about today. Ask them to do one thing over the coming week to show that they are doing a special job as Jesus asks us, by caring for the world around them.



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Gospel: John 17:11-19

Dear Prime Minister,

Are you protecting our planet?

The eyes of the world are watching you.

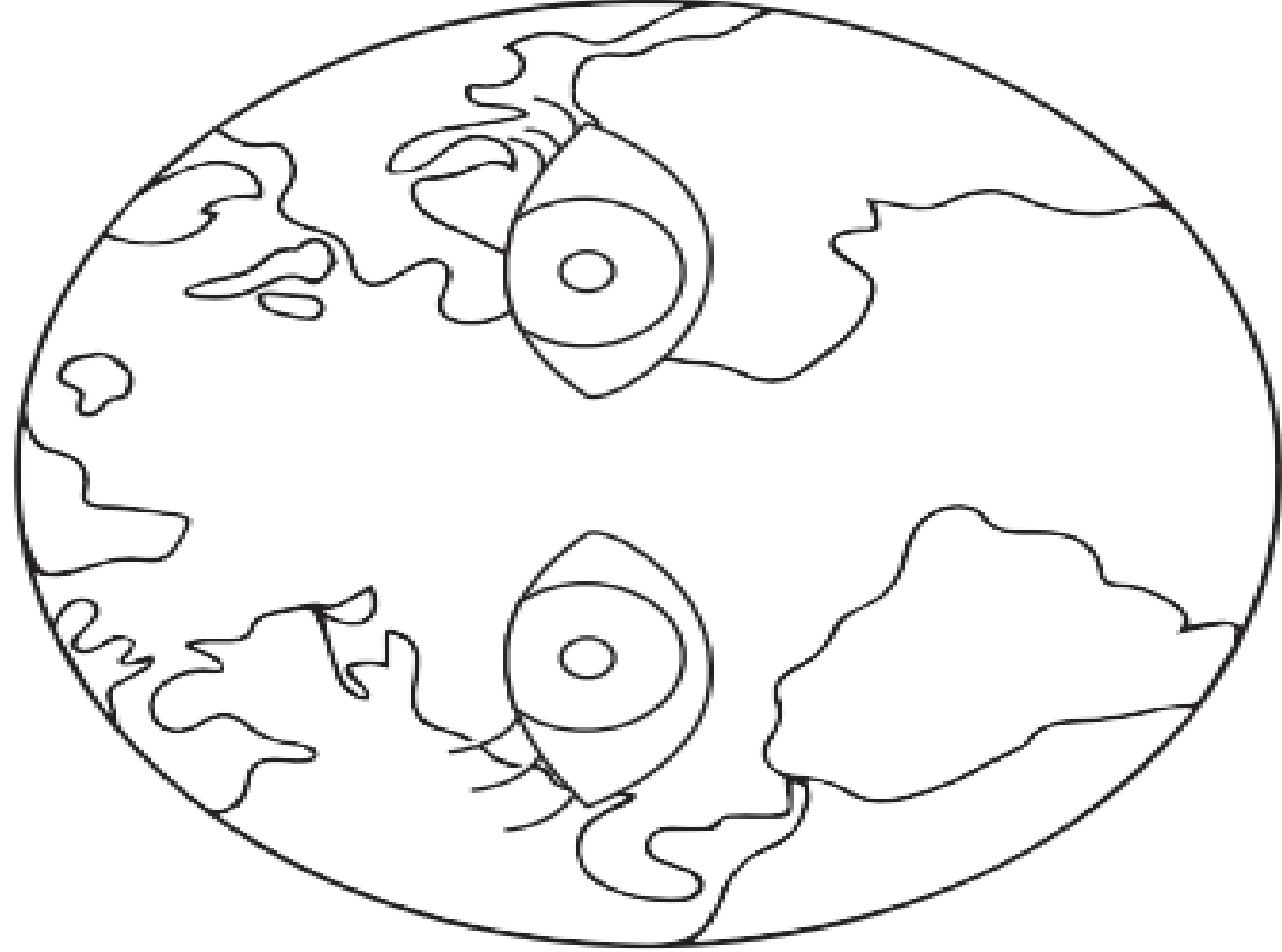


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Find more resources at cafod.org.uk/families

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