# Good morning children

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## Prayer



Dear Jesus Christ,

Help us to see you in every one of our brothers and sisters around the world. Inspire us to reach out to those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick or in prison. Amen.



### Matthew 25:31-46

Today Jesus tells us that he is in all people, and that when we help others or treat them badly then we are doing the same to him. Let's think a bit more about this now.

"When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the righteous people on his right and the others on his left. Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.'

give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these members of my family, you did it for me!'

The Gospel of the Lord Children: Thanks be to God

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Jesus tells us about the kind of person who will be welcome in his kingdom.

Can you remember what they did to make Jesus happy?

This group of people fed Jesus when he was hungry, gave him a drink when he was thirsty.

They welcomed him when he was a stranger and lonely, they gave him clothes when he didn't have any. They visited him when he was sick and in prison.

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But how do they feel and what do they say when they hear all this? They were very surprised and they ask Jesus when it was that they did all these things.

What does Jesus answer? He says, "when you did this to the least of my brothers or sisters, you did it to me." What do you think this means?



We are all God's children. We are all brothers and sisters – members of one big global family. And Jesus is saying that he is in each one of us. And so, every time we help someone else, every time we treat someone kindly, welcome them or share with them, then we are doing this to Jesus.

Can you think of a time when you have done one of these things?

When have you been kind to someone or give a drink to someone who was thirsty?



Can you think of a time when someone has shared with you, welcomed or cared for you?

How did you feel?

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This week, let's all try to remember that Jesus is in every person and to treat people as Jesus wants us to.

Let's try to be helpful during this period of Covid by washing our hands, keeping safe distance, be kind to someone this week, care for our neighbours and look out for one another.

What will you do this week to help?





#### Dear God of all,

Show us how to answer your call so we may see your kingdom – a place where no one is hungry, thirsty, or alone – here on earth.

Amen.

