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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FOR
HOME LEARNING
THE ROSARY

Collective Worship for Home Learning

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This is a set of daily collective worship sessions to use either in school or to be sent home for those children and families at home. They can be used in any order - however, traditionally the Joyful Mysteries are prayed on a Monday and Saturday, The Sorrowful Mysteries on a Tuesday and Friday, The Glorious Mysteries on a Wednesday and a Sunday and the Luminous Mysteries on a Thursday.

Gather:- They are based on the Mysteries of the Rosary and invite children to gather with either rosary beads or another creative way to count the prayers – pebbles, buttons, toys, flowers – or just their fingers.

Listen:- They are invited to look at the image for the Mystery and then listen to the short reading from the Bible about the Mystery.

Respond:- They can then respond by praying part of the Rosary. They can either pray a short decade of one Our Father, Three Hail Marys and one Glory Be – or older children could pray a full decade with one Our Father, Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be. Whilst praying they are asked to reflect upon the image and the response thoughts and questions.

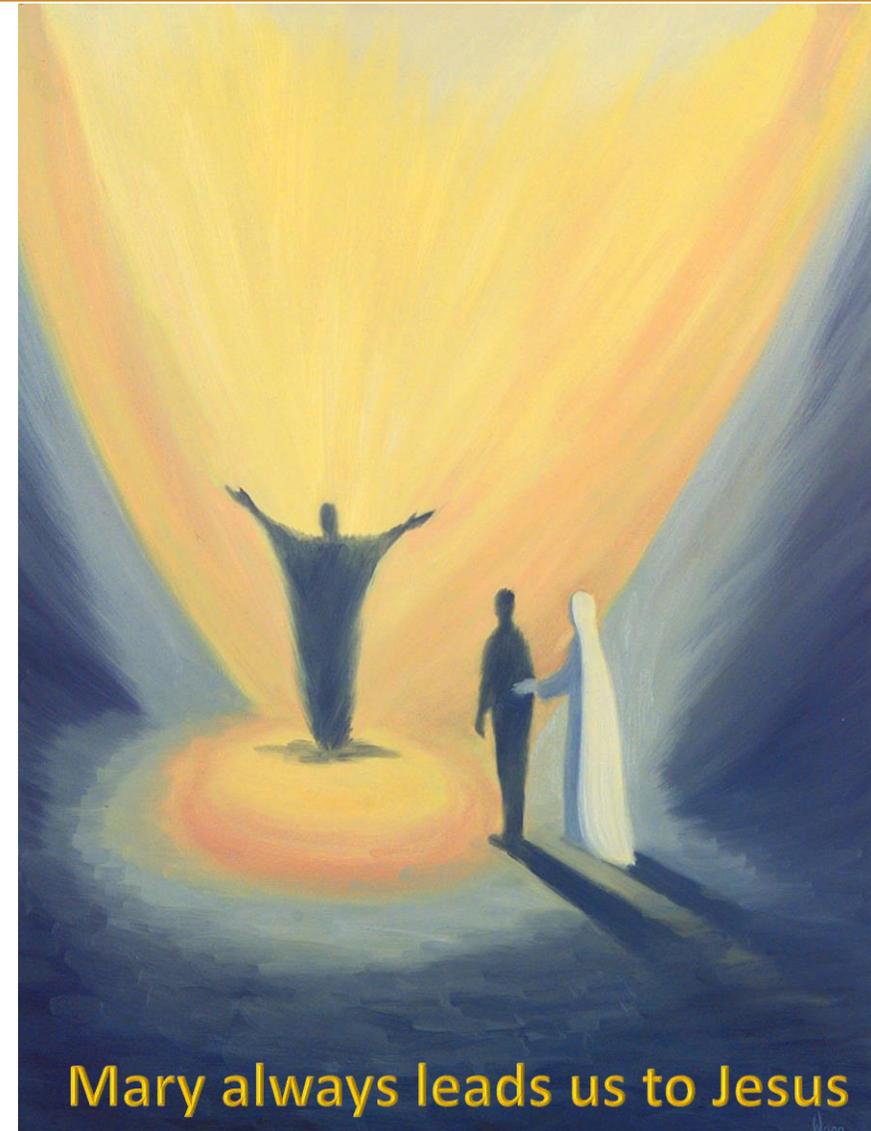
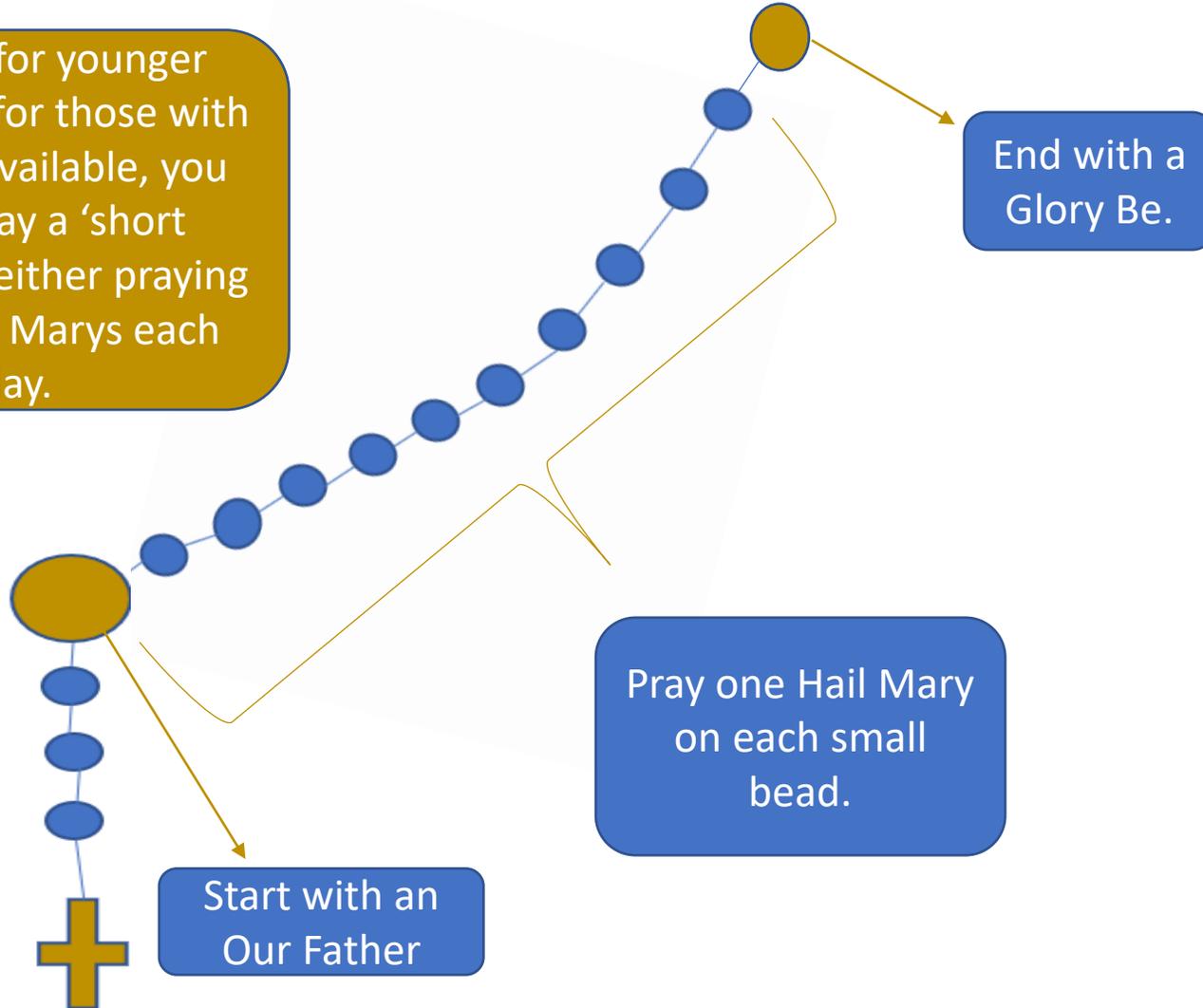
Go Forth:- The worship ends with some thoughts or action for the children to consider or try to do as they go forth that day.



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How to Pray a Decade

To adapt for younger children or for those with less time available, you could pray a 'short decade' by either praying 5 or 3 Hail Marys each day.



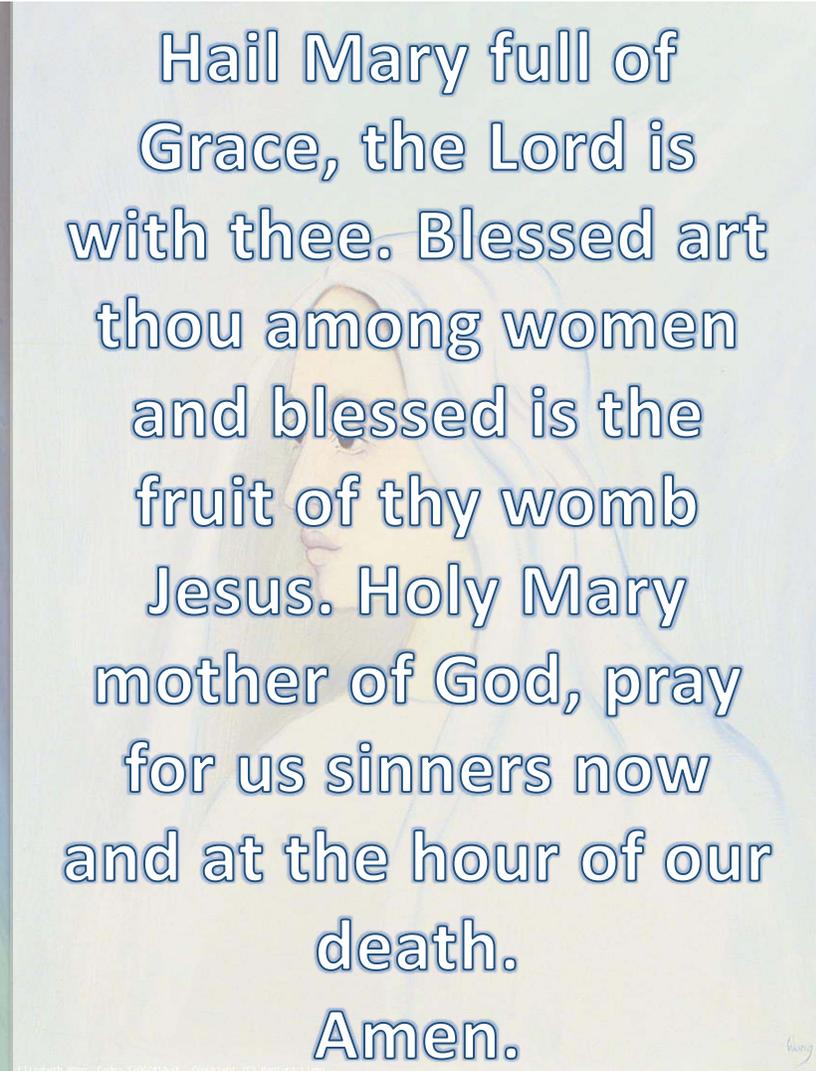
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The Prayers



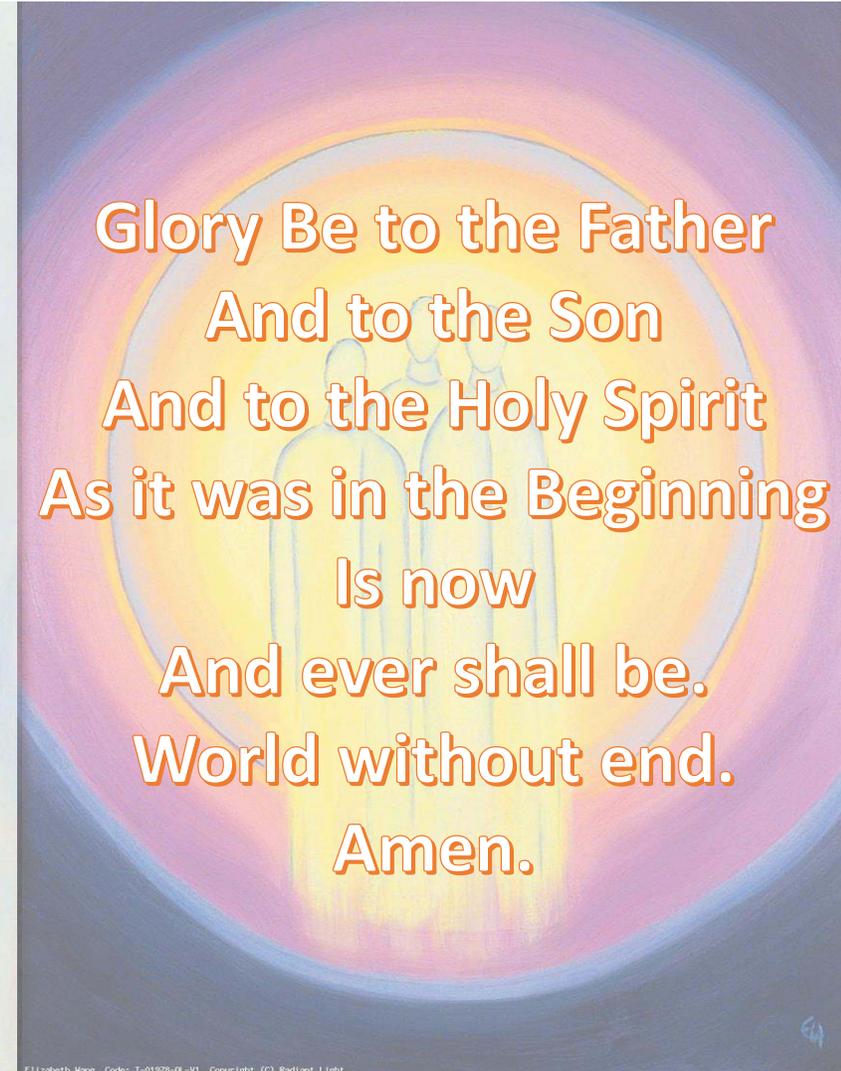
Our Father Who Art in
Heaven,
Hallowed Be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will
be done, on Earth as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread and forgive us
our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not
into temptation but deliver
us from evil.
Amen.

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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.

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Glory Be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the Beginning
Is now
And ever shall be.
World without end.
Amen.

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The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Annunciation, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And when the angel had come to her, he said, “Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women.” Luke 1:28.

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. Consider how Mary may have felt – how she said Yes to God – no matter what it may have meant for her. She had total trust in Him. Consider the wonder of the love God has for us.

Go Forth:- Try today to be like Mary and say yes to one thing that God asks us to do – maybe love and honour our parents – even when they ask us to tidy our room! Or maybe to love our neighbour as ourselves – even if they are sometimes difficult to love.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Visitation



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Visitation, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” Luke 1: 41-42

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. Consider how Mary and Elizabeth may have felt as they thought about how their children would change the world. Consider how Mary helped and supported Elizabeth in her pregnancy. Consider the wonder of the love God has for us.

Go Forth:- Try today to be like Mary and try to help someone who is in need. She left her home and family and travelled to offer her help to her cousin. Who needs your help today? Maybe someone in your family? How will you respond to their need?

The Joyful Mysteries

The Birth of Jesus



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Nativity, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

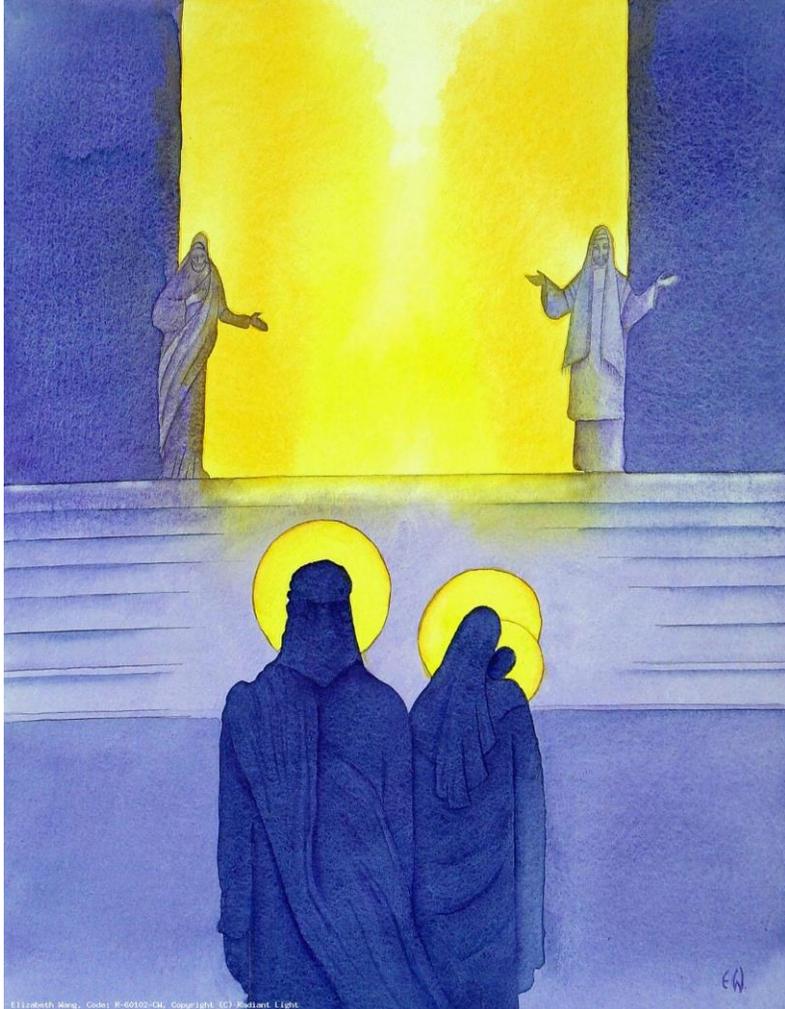
Listen:- And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.
Luke 2: 7

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. Consider the joy that Mary and Joseph must have felt in this wonderful moment. Imagine how thankful they were to God for this amazing gift of life. Consider the wonder of the love God has for us – sending us his only son.

Go Forth:- Try today to be like Mary and Joseph and spend a quiet moment in joy and thanks to God for the gifts He has given you – your family, your friends, your home and food - and also spend a moment thanking Him for sending us the gift of Jesus in our lives.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Presentation



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Presentation, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And when the days of her purification were fulfilled according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Luke 2: 22-23

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this story we learn that Mary, Joseph and Jesus were a holy family and followed the laws of God. They were obedient to what God asks of them, bringing Jesus to the temple to be presented to God.

Go Forth:- Try today to be like Mary and Joseph and be obedient to what God asks of us in our faith. Try to remember to give time to God and do what He has asked us to do– maybe spending time in daily prayer or going to Mass on a Sunday or trying to find time to read about him in the Bible.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Presentation, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And it came to pass after three days, that they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2: 46

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this story we learn that Mary and Joseph were worried about Jesus when they couldn't find him. Mary turned to God and trusted in him, even though she must have been very worried or afraid for Jesus. We too must put our trust in God and turn to him when we are worried or afraid.

Go Forth:- Sometimes we all have worries or fears. Sometimes we think that there is nothing that we can do or that we cannot go to anyone for help, remember today to be like Mary and to turn to God when we are worried and afraid and give our worries to Him in prayer and to trust in Him to help us.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Agony in the Garden, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And His sweat became as drops of blood running down upon the ground. And rising from prayer He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow. Luke 22: 44-45

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. Here we hear about a time when Jesus was afraid and alone. He knew that he was going to suffer and he wanted his friends to stay with him and comfort him – but they fell asleep. Have we ever forgotten about Jesus as we go about our busy day? Are there times when we could have talked to Him in prayer or joined Him in the Mass but we chose to do other things? How does this make Jesus feel?

Go Forth:- Today try to find time to be there for Jesus – remember to talk to Him in prayer – maybe before bed or when you wake. Tell him that you love Him and thank Him for suffering for you.



The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Scourging at the Pillar

Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Scourging at the Pillar, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- Pilate, then, took Jesus and had him scourged. John 19:1

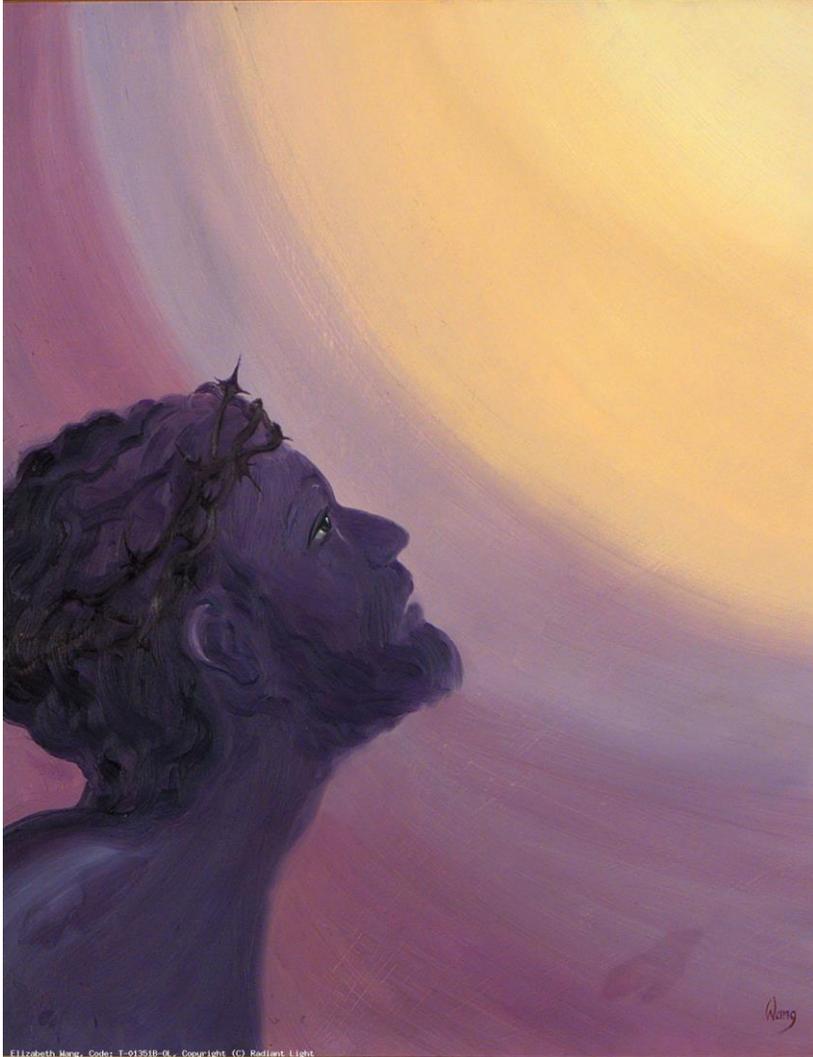
Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this scripture we hear simply that Jesus was scourged. This was a very painful and cruel punishment. Jesus suffered a great deal and was in a lot of pain. He had done nothing wrong but he suffered this for us – for all the things that we have done wrong.

Go Forth:- Today try to find some time to think about the times when we have done something wrong. Maybe said an unkind word or hurt someone. Try to find a peaceful moment to say sorry to Jesus for the things that we have done wrong and for the pain that he suffered for us.



The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Crowning with Thorns



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Crowning with thorns, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And they stripped him and put on him a scarlet cloak; and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and a reed into his right hand . Matthew 27: 28-29

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. Here we hear about how Jesus was mocked and ridiculed. They dressed him as a 'king' with a crown of thorns to humiliate him. Sometimes in life we feel ridiculed, teased and mocked. We learn here that Jesus too knew that feeling and is with us when we suffer in this way.

Go Forth:- Today try to think about if you have ever ridiculed or mocked someone – teased and said unkind things to make others laugh. Consider the face of Jesus as he is mocked in this way and try to realise that when we do this to others, we are doing it to Him.

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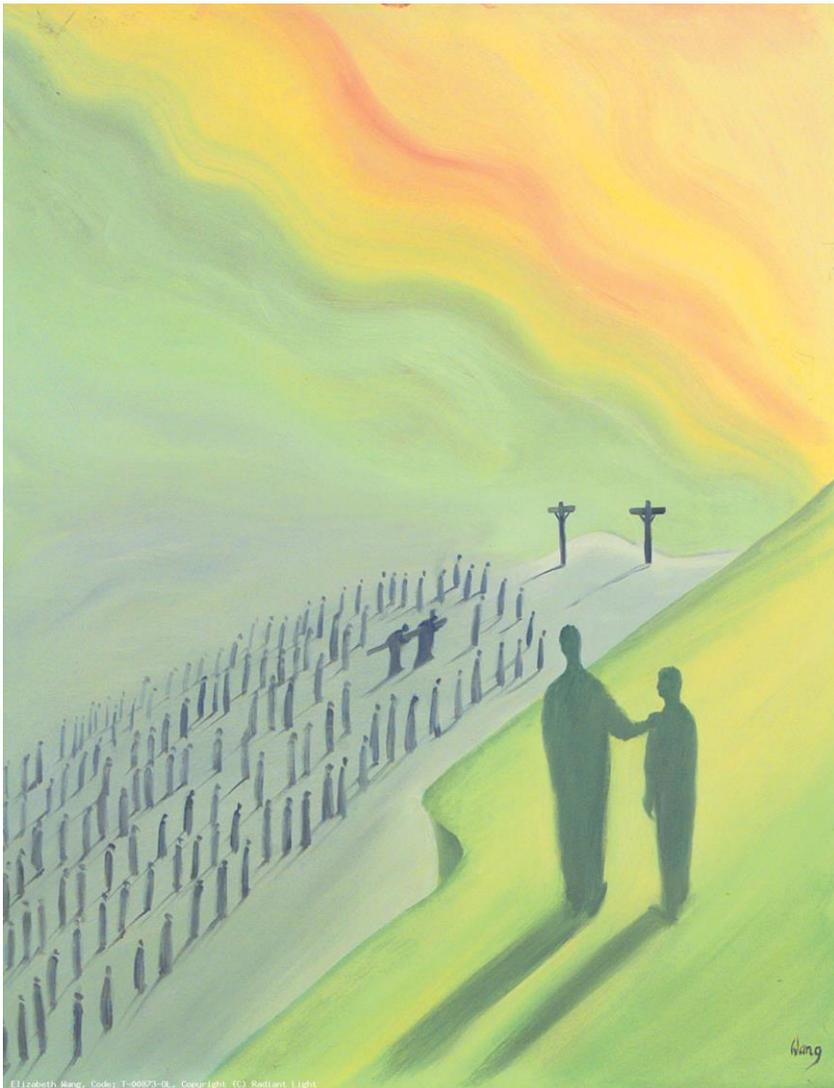
The Carrying of the Cross

Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Carrying of the Cross, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And bearing the cross for himself, he went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. John 19:17

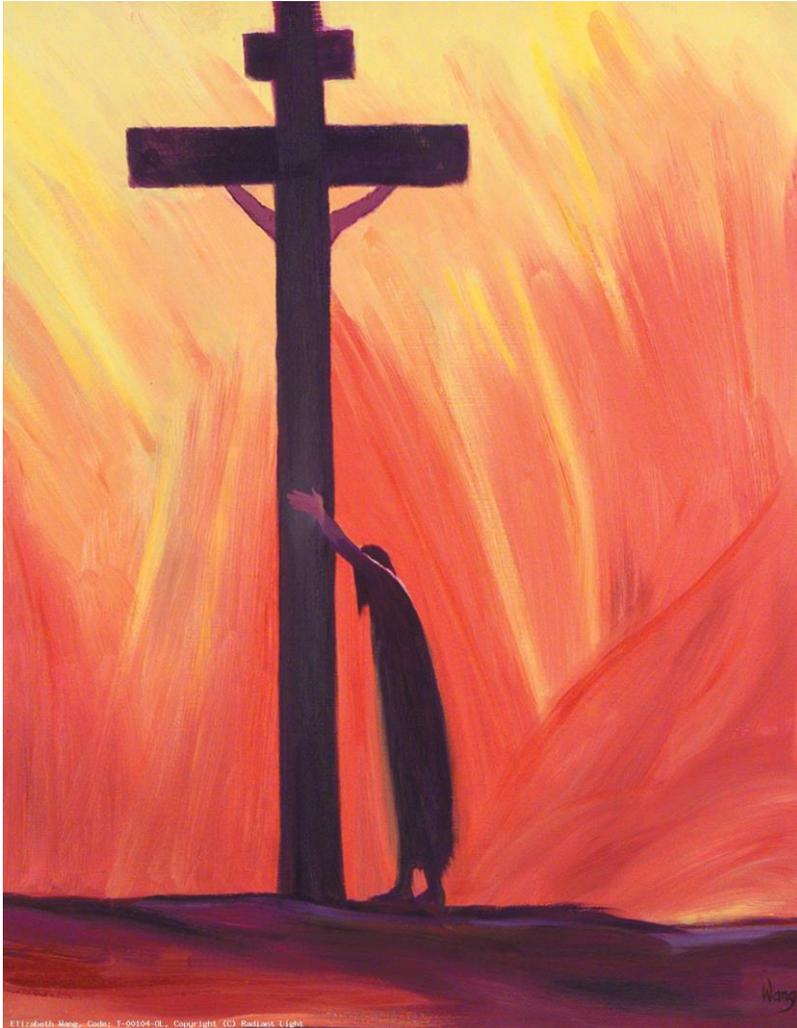
Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this scripture we hear of Jesus accepting and carrying His cross. We know that he went willingly towards his death and suffering – all because He loves us so much and could not bear the thought of being without us.

Go Forth:- We hear how Jesus accepted his cross willingly. In our lives we each have our own sufferings – our own crosses to carry. Jesus wants us to accept them but not to carry them alone. He wants to help us to carry our burdens and sufferings – all we need to do is to ask Him to help us and He will. Try today to ask Jesus for His help and comfort in your own suffering.



The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Crucifixion



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Crucifixion, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

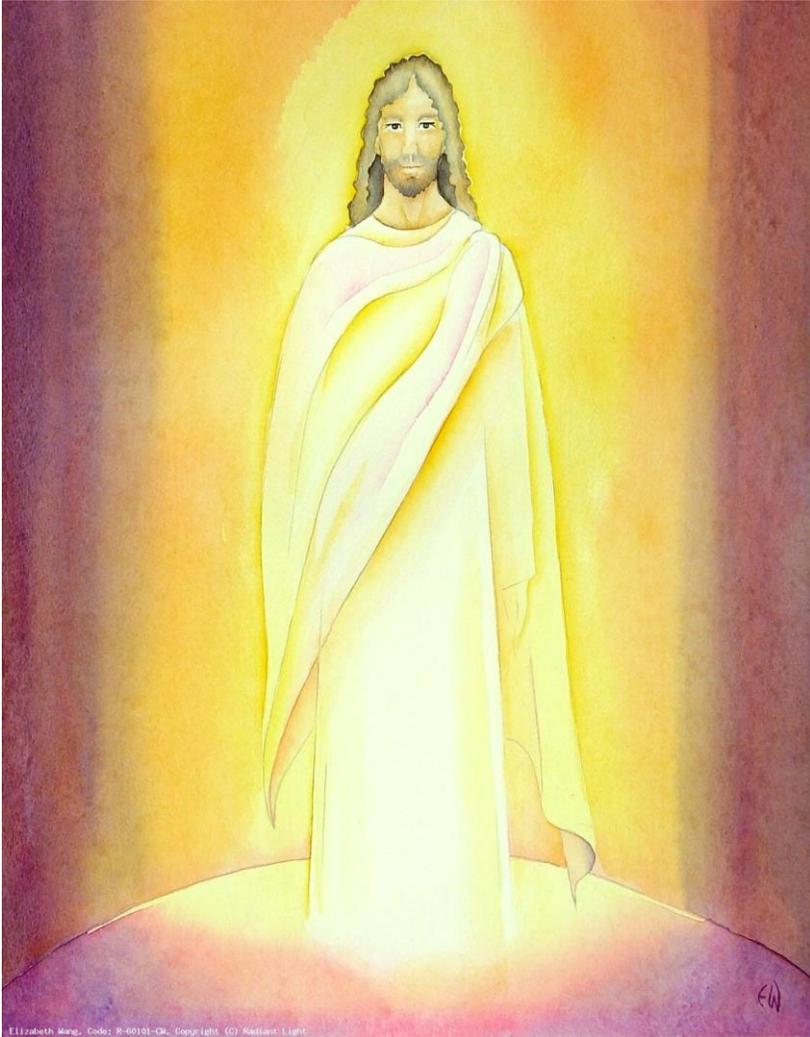
Listen:- And Jesus cried out in a loud voice and said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.” And having said this, he expired. Luke 23: 46

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this scripture we hear of the moment that Jesus dies. It is a sad moment and it is important that we do spend some time thinking about Jesus’ sacrifice for us – even if it is difficult. We think about the wonderful love that God the father has for us – so much that he sacrificed His son so that we can be with Him in Heaven.

Go Forth:- Today try to find an image of a cross somewhere to look upon. Spend a quiet moment in front of it, remembering Jesus’ love and sacrifice for us. Thank Him for it.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Resurrection, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

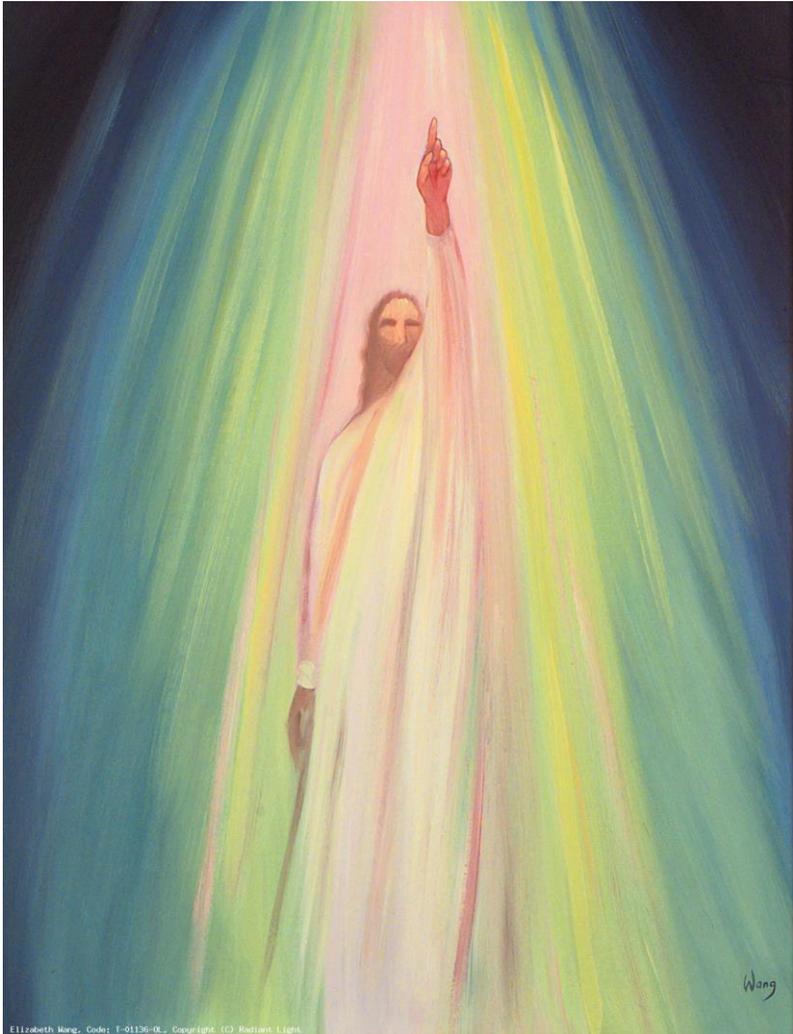
Listen:- He has risen, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. Mark 16: 6

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. When we listen to this scripture, we learn about the moment that the Disciples learned of Christ's victory over death – He has truly risen. Imagine Mary and the Disciples' utter astonishment and wonder at this incredible miracle. We learn that nothing is impossible with God and he truly calls us to eternal life.

Go Forth:- Today, try to find a moment to look for signs of new life in the world around you – maybe some shoots growing in the garden or even a new baby! Think about how God calls each of us to eternal life – with him in Heaven. This truly is the Good News – Jesus has conquered death and we no longer need to fear it.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Ascension



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Ascension, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- So then the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God. Mark 16: 19

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. Here we hear about the moment that Jesus returns to His Father in Heaven. His mission on Earth is completed and He goes back to sit at the right hand of God. Think about how Mary and the Apostles felt to see Him leave them –again – and how he leaves them with the task of continuing His mission on Earth.

Go Forth:- Today, think about how Jesus has called us all to continue His mission on Earth. It is our job now to ensure others know all about Jesus and his teachings. Can you tell someone something about Jesus today? Maybe a friend or a family member?

The Glorious Mysteries

The Descent of the Holy Spirit



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues. Even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak. Acts 2:4

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this scripture we learn about what happened to Mary and the Apostles after Jesus returned to Heaven. Jesus sent God the Holy Spirit to help them to continue His mission. The Holy Spirit filled them with all the gifts and graces they needed to do this.

Go Forth:- Today, think about how what it must have been like for Mary and the Apostles when Jesus left. Then think about how differently they felt after God the Holy Spirit had filled them. What gifts do you think they needed from Him? What gifts of the Spirit do you need from Him today? Remember to pray and ask God the Holy Spirit to give you the gifts you need today.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Assumption



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Assumption, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- And a great sign appeared in Heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head, a crown of twelve stars. Apocalypse 12:1

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. For this Mystery we consider the church's teaching that Mary was taken up into Heaven, with her body intact. This is because, apart from Jesus, Mary is the only Human to have no sin and therefore is totally in communion with God when she dies.

Go Forth:- Today, think about how Mary is a role model to us all. Think about her life and how it is a guide for us for how to get to heaven. If we try to live like Mary, she will lead us to her son Jesus. How will you try to be more like Mary today?

The Glorious Mysteries

The Coronation



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of the Coronation, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

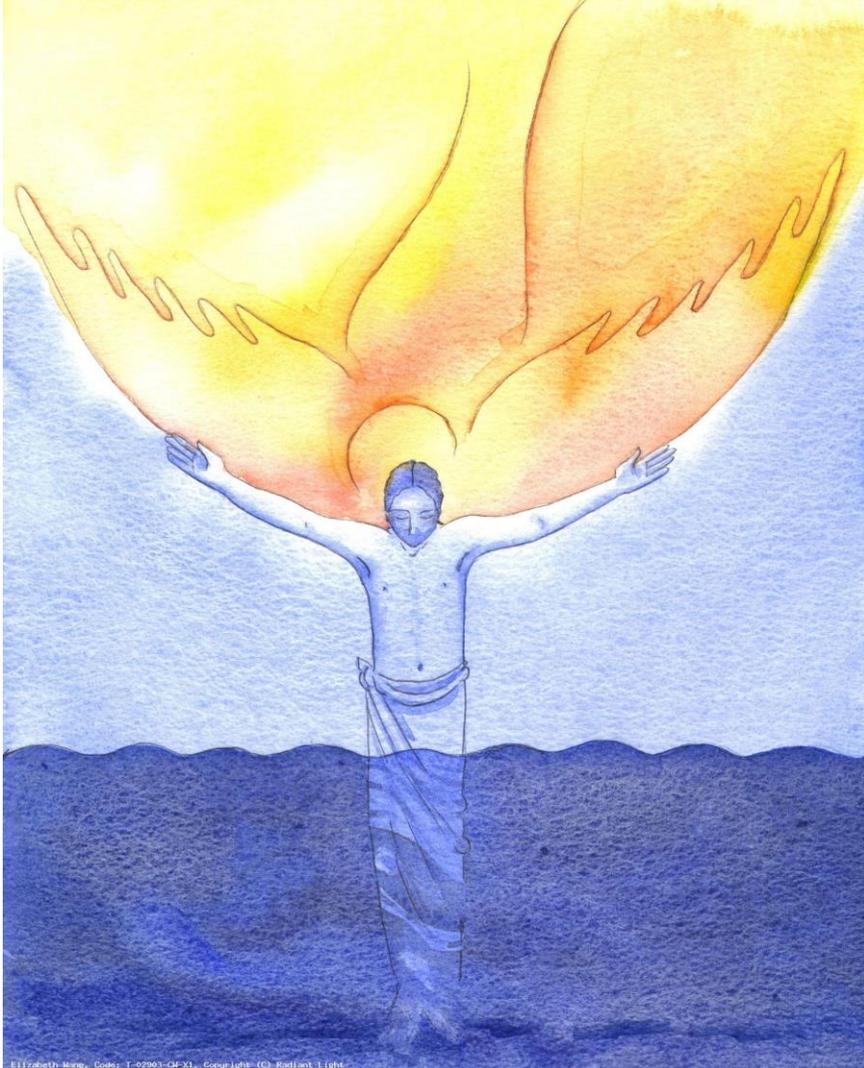
Listen:- Thou art the glory of Jerusalem the honour of our people...the hand of the Lord has strengthened thee, and therefore thou shalt be blessed forever. Judith 15: 9-11

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. For this Mystery we think about the church's teaching that Mary is crowned as the Queen of Heaven. She is the mother of God and also our Mother. We can turn to her and ask for her prayers for us and we can also honour her as our queen too.

Go Forth:- Today, think about how Mary is our mother. She loves us and wants to help to lead us to her son. Today remember to ask Mary for her help, guidance and prayers with the things that you are struggling with. Ask her to take your prayers to her son, Jesus.

The Luminous Mysteries

Christ's Baptism in the Jordan



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of Christ's Baptism, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

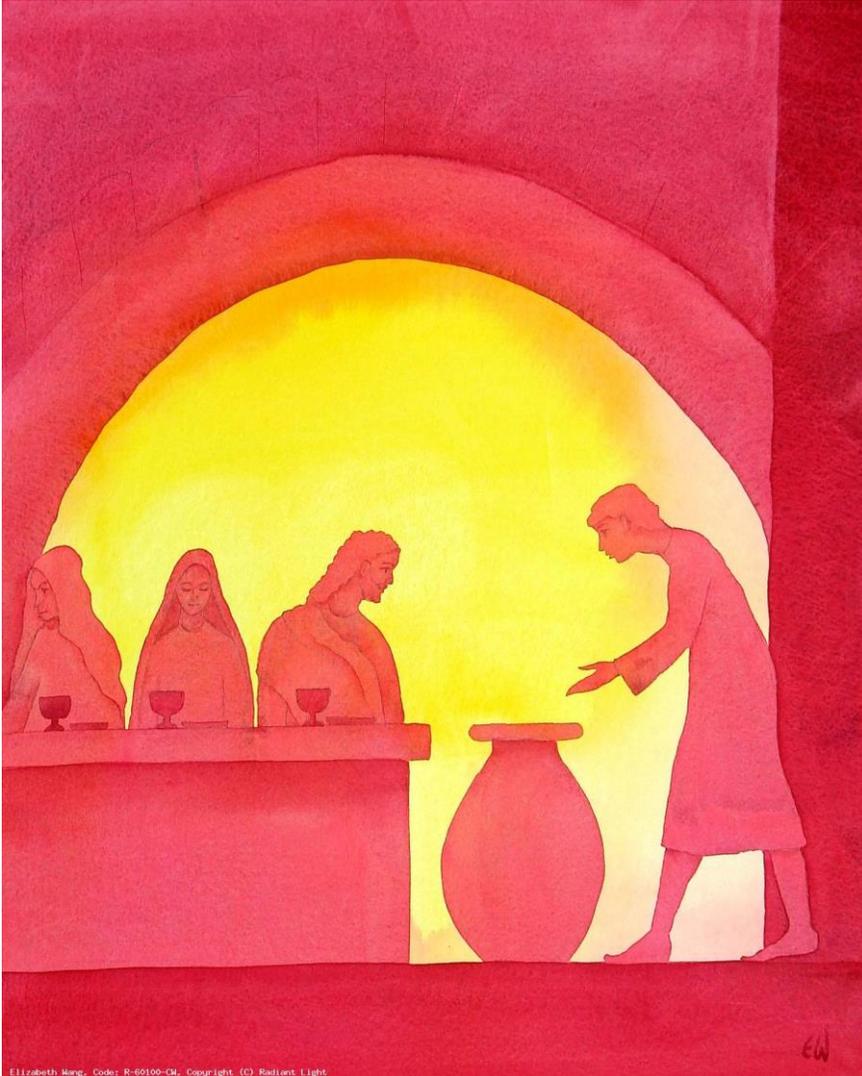
Listen:- The Spirit descended like a dove on him. And a voice came from Heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; and with you I am well pleased. Mark 1: 10

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this reading we hear about the moment that Jesus was baptised by John and we see the Holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit – all together on Earth for the first time. We see the love and perfect union between them.

Go Forth:- Today, think about the perfect love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We should try to reflect this love in our families. Today, try to tell someone in your family how you love them, and are pleased with them, and why.

The Luminous Mysteries

The Wedding Feast at Cana



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of The Wedding Feast at Cana, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

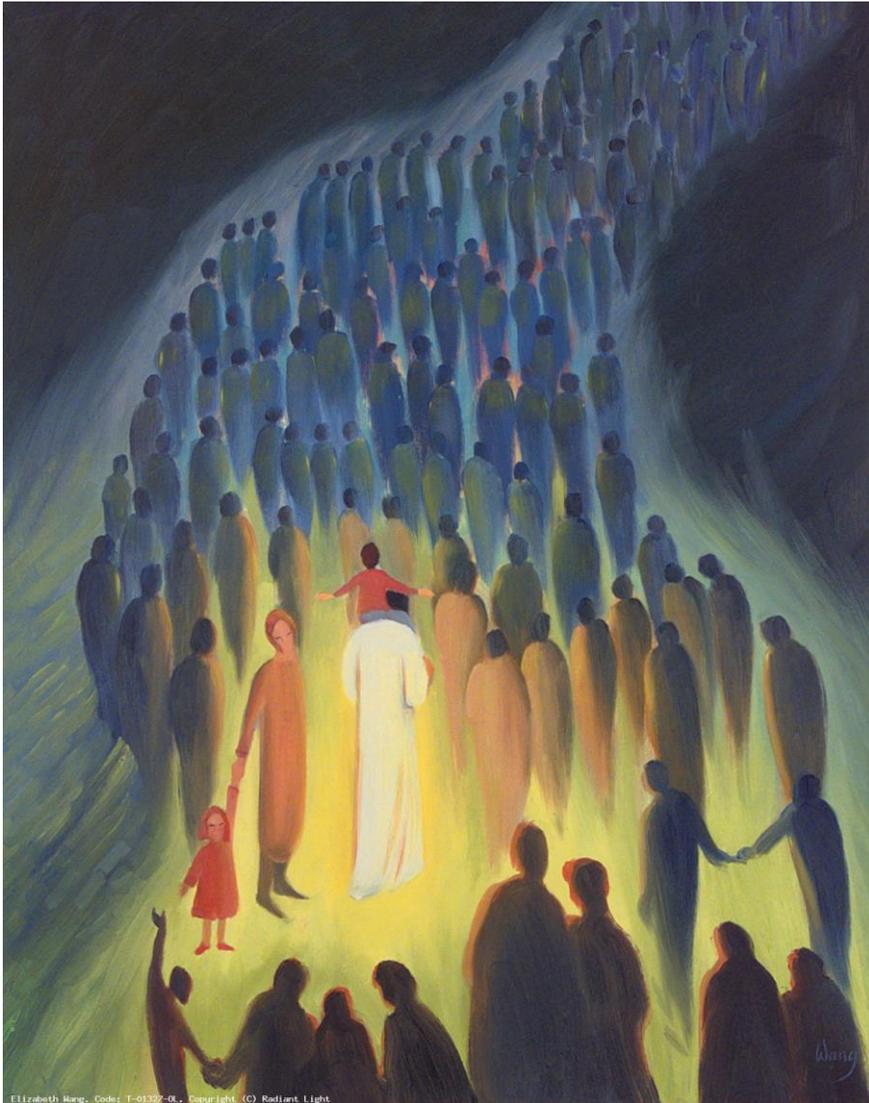
Listen:- Jesus changed water into wine, the first of his signs, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. John 2:11.

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this scripture we hear about the first time that Jesus reveals who he is to his followers. He performs his first Miracle because Mary heard the needs of the family and asked her son to help.

Go Forth:- Today, think about the relationship between Mary and Jesus. She always takes our needs and requests to Him and He hears her. She also gives us some very important words in this story – her last words spoken in the Bible – and they are words we should follow today – “Do what He tells you to do.”

The Luminous Mysteries

Christ's Proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of Christ's Proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

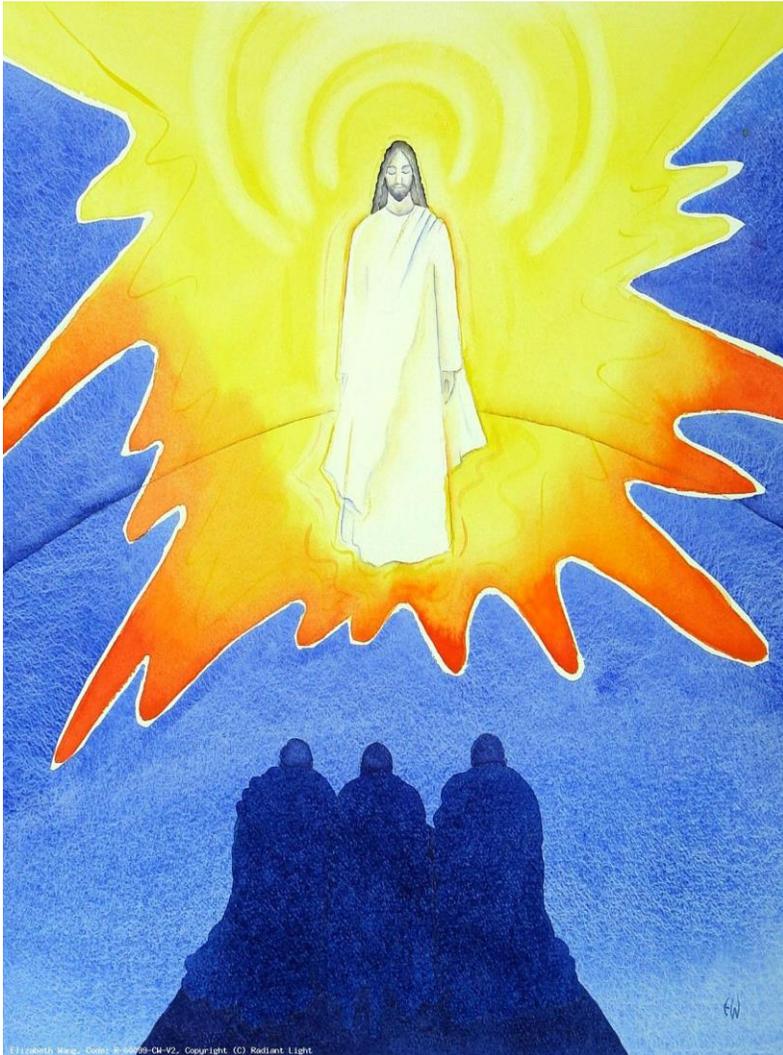
Listen:- The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1:15

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this scripture we hear about Jesus teaching us all about the Kingdom of Heaven and how to get there. He calls us to change our lives and follow Him.

Go Forth:- Today try to find a quiet moment to read or think about one of your favourite stories – or parables – that Jesus used to teach us. Maybe the Lost Sheep, the Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son or any other story He told to help us to understand how to follow him.

The Luminous Mysteries

Christ's Transfiguration



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of Christ's Transfiguration, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

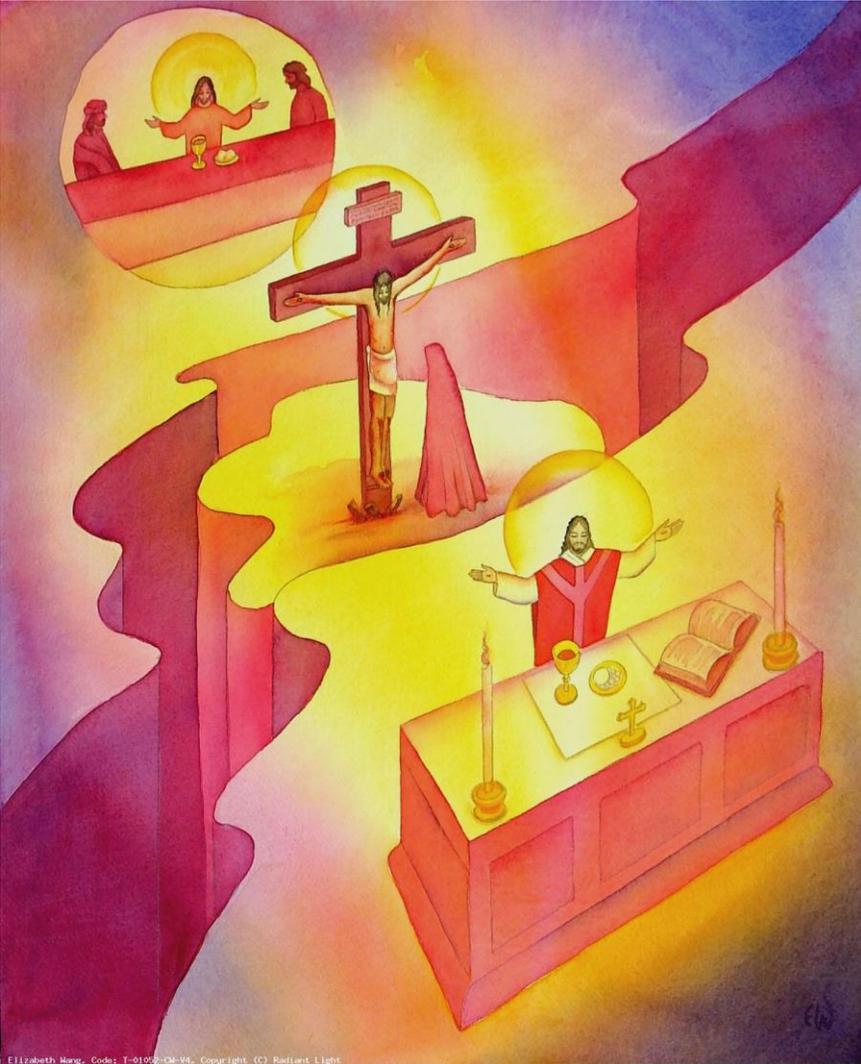
Listen:- And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Matthew 17:2

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. In this story we hear about the time that Jesus took three of his disciples up a mountain to reveal to them the truth of who he really was – God the Son. He revealed this to them by allowing God's light to shine through his body. The disciples could not look upon him and had to hide their faces. Jesus told them not to tell anyone what had happened until after His death.

Go Forth:- Today take a moment to think about what it must have been like for Jesus' disciples. They saw him perform the most incredible miracles and Peter, James and John even saw Him revealed as God. We cannot see Jesus in this special way and have to have faith to believe. Today ask the Holy Spirit to increase your faith.

The Luminous Mysteries

Christ's Institution of the Eucharist



Gather:- Light a candle, look at the image of Christ's Transfiguration, gather your Rosary or use your fingers or a collection of pebbles, beads, flowers or other objects to represent your Rosary.

Listen:- He took bread, broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19

Respond:- Pray One our Father and Ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be – using your Rosary to guide your prayers. Think about the scripture and the image as you pray. It is in this story that we hear the moment that Jesus gave us the gift of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Mass. This is a special way that He could remain close to us, helping us, after He had returned to His father. He calls each of us to the Mass.

Go Forth:- Today try to think about this wonderful parting gift that Jesus left us before He returned to His father in Heaven. He longs to be close to us in this special way- us receiving His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Try to find a moment to thank Him for this wonderful gift.



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