

Feast of St Joseph

Assembly Prayer for Children

Joseph – A Trusting Servant Of God



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Please Note: Elements of this Liturgy may be adapted for a Eucharistic liturgy, Liturgy of The Word or Class Prayer.

Welcome & Introduction: Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter, a good and honest man, who married Mary and cared for her and baby Jesus. Even though at times he didn't understand God's ways, he was still faithful and trusting. We can learn from Joseph to be the same. Let us join in our gathering song.

Gathering Song: Hearts Of Joy (M. Brown – Holy Ground) OR
Nurturing Disciples (A. Chinn – These Hands)

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Loving God, just as Joseph served you with faith and trust, may we too, learn to place our lives in your hands and serve you with love and joy. We ask this prayer through Jesus, your Son.

All: Amen

Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Response to the Reading: Joseph's Song (John Burland – Let's Celebrate) OR
God Of Our Journey (M. Brown – Praise & Blessings)

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-21

Prayer of the Faithful:

Leader: Gracious God, we bring our prayers before you knowing that you will always listen to them.

Reader: Joseph was a person of great love. Loving God, help us to love others with hearts full of compassion and kindness. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Joseph was a person of strength. Loving God, help us to be strong in our faith willing to live as you want us to. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Joseph was a person who protected Mary and Jesus. Loving God, help us to know that when we are in trouble we can always turn to you. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Joseph was a person who trusted God. Loving God, help us to trust you even when we are lost and unsure. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Joseph was a person of great faith. Loving God, help us to remember that you are with us always, guiding us and showing us the way. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of love, we offer up our prayers to you in faith, hope and love.

All: Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader: Loving God, we rejoice in the person of Joseph and all that his life teaches us. Help us to be faithful and loving people just like Joseph, willing to trust you and to serve you with loving care. We ask this prayer through Jesus, your son.

Let us go and bring love to the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Final hymn: **Forward In Faith** (A. Chinn – People of Peace) **OR**
Come And Follow Me (J. Burland – Alive in Christ Vol. 2)