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I Will Sing to the Lord

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## We gather

Today Jesus reminds us that it is not power or money which makes us important, but how much we help other people. Let's think about how we can help others today.

## Opening Prayer

Servant God, show us how we can help others, so that all members of our global family can live free from hunger and poverty. Amen.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus.

“Teacher,” they said, “there is something we want you to do for us.”

“What is it?” Jesus asked them.

They answered, “When you sit on your throne in your glorious Kingdom, we want you to let us sit with you, one at your right and one at your left.”

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Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you are asking for. Can you drink the cup of suffering that I must drink? Can you be baptized in the way I must be baptized?”

“We can, “ they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup I must drink and be baptized in the way I must be baptized. But I do not have the right to choose who will sit at my right and my left. It is God who will give these places to those for whom he has prepared them.”

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When the other ten disciples heard about it, they became angry with James and John. So Jesus called them all together to him and said, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the heathen have power over them, and the leaders have complete authority. This, however, is not the way it is among you. If one of you wants to be great, he must be servant of the rest; and if one of you wants to be first, he must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to server and to give his life to redeem many people.

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**Gospel reflection:** What do you remember from today's reading?

James and John ask to sit by Jesus' side in heaven, but Jesus says he is not able to give them these seats.

The other disciples start to get cross with James and John. Why do you think they get cross?

The disciples felt that James and John were showing off and that James and John thought they were the best and most important disciples.

Can you think of a time when you got angry because someone else was showing off about how important they are?

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Perhaps someone was showing off that they were the best footballer or that they have better shoes or toys than you? Can you remember what Jesus said to the disciples to step them from being angry at each other?

Jesus said that the greatest disciple was not the one who went around showing off his power, or money, or things. But rather that the greatest disciple must be like a servant-humble and helping others in all that they do.

Can you think of ways you can help people at home and at school this coming week?

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**Let's pray together.**

We pray for the Church through the world: that it may follow Jesus' example, supporting those who are in need, so that they may change their lives and build a happy future.

**Lord in your mercy.**

We pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world: that they may feel able to help those who are finding things difficult.

**Lord in your mercy.**

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We pray for our parish, family and friends, that we may always be ready to listen to the needs of others, and to give them the help that is right for them, so that all people may live free from poverty.

**Lord in your mercy.**

**God of hope, encourage us to do what we can when we see people who need our help. Open our hearts so that we may work together to make the world a fairer place for all people. Amen.**

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