Colouring In

The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

(Luke 18: 9-14)

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Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie welcomes

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to Mass today.

Be Humble Before God

Thirtieth Sunday in Normal Time. Year C.

When I was a little girl, my father loved to sing along to a country and western song and make us all laugh. The song went something like this: 'O Lord it's hard to be humble, when you're perfect in every way…I keep needing to look in the mirror, because I get better looking each day! To know me is to love me - I must be a helluva man! O Lord, it's hard to be humble, but I'm doing the best that I can". It always used to make us laugh, because it was clear than the man of the song thought he was MUCH better than everybody else thought he was.

Our Gospel reading today is about something similar. In it, Jesus tells a story about a man who thought he was better than everyone else. In the story that Jesus told, two men went to the temple to pray. One of the men was a Pharisee, a religious group that was very strict in obeying the law of Moses. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: "I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I certainly not like that tax collector over there! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of all my income". The tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he bowed his head in sorrow, saying, "Oh God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner." Now, which of these two prayers do you think was pleasing to God? I am sure you can guess! It's the prayer of the tax collector… Jesus said, "The tax collector, not the Pharisee returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted".

When we are tempted to brag about ourselves, we need to remember that other people are not impressed - and neither is God!

Word Search

Today's Word Search is based on Luke 18: 9-14.

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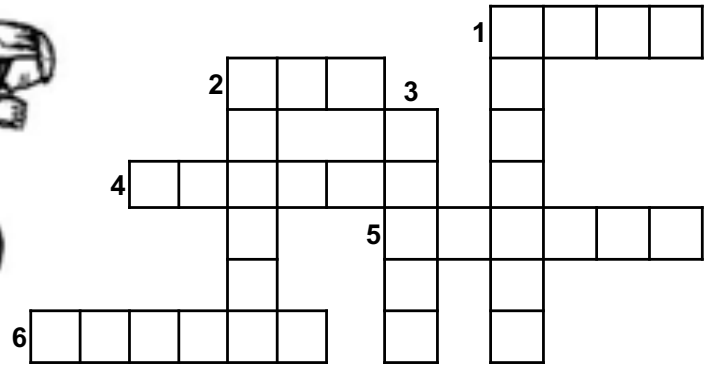
TEMPLE	PARABLE	LOOK
JUSTIFIED	HEAVEN	PHARISEE
RIGHTEOUS	HUMBLE	COLLECTOR
MERCY	TAX	ROBBERS
EVILDOERS	THANK	SINNER

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. To speak to God
2. Money paid to support the government
4. Modest, not proud
5. Someone who steals from someone
6. A person who break God's law

DOWN

1. A story told by Jesus to his followers
2. A place of worship
3. Showing great kindness and forgiveness

Temple	Robber	Mercy	Sinner
Humble	Parable	Tax	Pray

Children's Prayer

Heavenly Father. Please help us to remain humble, so that we will not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.