



The Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra and Goulburn

# Sunday Celebration of the Word and Communion - Ordinary Time 1

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*[Welcome one another.*

*The leader of prayer (L) moves from the front pews to the presiding place.*

*The priest's chair is empty.*

*The readers and ministers with candles and incense wait at the entrance.*

*The community or assembly (A) is gathered]*

### GATHERING SONG

Stand

L and A: Make the SIGN OF THE CROSS

LITURGICAL GREETING (Ordinary Time, p. 89-90, eg.)

L: Blessed be God,  
the Father of tenderness and compassion,  
who is rich in kindness and faithfulness  
and who keeps us in his love for all time.  
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**A: Blessed be God forever.**

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS (p. 206)

L: Today, we, the people of God,  
gather to hear and respond to God's word,  
to return praise and thanks,  
[and to share Christ's sacrament.]  
We look forward to that day  
when we will once more celebrate the Eucharist,  
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.  
Our community makes its worship  
in union with the Church throughout the world,  
with N. our Pope, N. our bishop,  
our pastor, Father N., who is unable to be with us,

and with our brothers and sisters in neighbouring  
parishes  
who keep holy this day  
in the celebration of the Lord's sacrifice and supper.

### OPENING RITE

(Ordinary Time, p. 90)

L: Praise the risen Saviour;  
call out for Christ's mercy.

*Silent prayer/reflection*

L: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord have mercy.

**A: Lord have mercy.**

L: Christ Jesus, you come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ have mercy.

**A: Christ have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus, you come in glory with salvation for your  
people:

Lord have mercy.

**A: Lord have mercy.**

## OPENING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.  
*(After a pause for silent prayer, the Collect of the day from the Roman Missal is said. N.B. It may need to be rephrased or replaced if it suggests that the liturgy being celebrated is Mass. See also Ordinary Time Sundays pp 92-156 e.g.)*

Attend with kindness, Lord God,  
to the cries of your people,  
that we may see the things that ought to be done  
and grow in the strength to do them.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PROCESSION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Process in to sung acclamation.

(The reader/s (R) with Lectionary held aloft, move from the entrance down the aisle, accompanied by ministers with lighted candles. The Lectionary is placed on the ambo and incensed.)

### INVITATION

L: May the Word of God always be heard in this place,  
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us,  
and achieves our salvation within the Church. Sit

### FIRST READING

*The First Reading of the Sunday from the Lectionary*

R: The Word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.** *Followed by silent reflection*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(sung if possible)*

*The Responsorial Psalm of the Sunday from the Lectionary*

### SECOND READING

*The Second Reading of the Sunday from the Lectionary*

R: The Word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.** *Followed by silent reflection*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung if possible)* Stand  
*The Gospel Acclamation of the Sunday from the Lectionary*

**Alleluia, alleluia...**

**Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL

*The Gospel of the Sunday from the Lectionary*

R: A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
(e.g., Mark)

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** Sit

SHARED REFLECTION on the Readings followed by silence.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Stand

L: Brothers and sisters, let us profess the faith of the  
Church we received on the day of our baptism.

**A: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

L: Gathered together in Christ as sisters and brothers  
let us pray to God  
for the needs of the Church and the world

*A reader announces the intentions in the usual way.*

R: Lord hear us.

**A: Lord, hear our prayer.**

L: God of love, hear the prayers of your people and grant us today what we ask of you in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

#### PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE

L Let us praise the Lord.  
(Brief pause)

Left hand side: Creator of the universe,  
You preserve your chosen ones in the whole world through Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son. Through Christ you have called us from darkness to the light,  
From ignorance to the full knowledge of your glory,  
that we may hope in your name for you are the source of all creation. To you, most holy and glorious God, we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**You alone are holy.**  
**All nations on earth will adore you.**

Right hand side: You have opened the eyes of our hearts so that we may know you alone, the Most High in the heavens and the Holy One who dwells among the saints. You humbled the arrogance of the proud; you defeat the plans of nations; you exalt the lowly and subdue the powerful. You enrich and make poor; you bring to birth and redeem from death. You alone are the Giver of life and the God of all creation. To you, most holy and glorious God we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**You alone are holy.**  
**All nations on earth will adore you.**

Left hand side: Your gaze pierces the depth of the universe; you survey the works of humans, you are the helper of those who are in danger, the Saviour of all in despair. You are the Creator and Guardian of all life! You multiply the people of the earth, and through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, you call all who love you to be your own. Through Christ you instruct, sanctify, and glorify us. To you, most holy and glorious God, we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**You alone are holy.**  
**All nations on earth will adore you.**

Right hand side: You ordered the universe in your wisdom and harmony which is now revealed in all your works. Faithful throughout all generations, you are just in judgement and wonderful in power and majesty. Everything we see proclaims your goodness. Steadfast in kindness and compassion, you never fail those who put their trust in you. To you, most holy and glorious God, we voice our praise and sing/say:  
**You alone are holy.**  
**All nations on earth will adore you.**

#### SIGN OF PEACE

L: In the name of Christ, let us offer each other a sign of peace.

[The leader of prayer returns to the body of the Church.]

[The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EM) prepares for Communion.]

#### COMMUNION RITE

Kneel

BRINGING OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE ALTAR  
[by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.]

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Stand

EM: With trust in our Father in heaven,  
We pray as Jesus taught us, saying/singing:

A: **Our Father...**  
**...now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Kneel

EM: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

A: **Lord, I am not worthy**  
**that you should enter under my roof,**  
**but only say the word**  
**and my soul shall be healed.**

*The distribution of Communion takes place in the usual way.*

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

PERIOD OF SILENCE

Sit

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

EM: Let us pray. (eg. Ordinary Time, p. 262-3)  
(*Silent prayer*)

Merciful God,  
let our sharing in this sacrament  
deliver us from evil  
and make us stand firm in the light of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

**A: Amen.**

[The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion  
returns to his/her place.]  
[The Leader of Prayer returns to the sanctuary.]

## CONCLUDING RITE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sit

### COLLECTION

### BLESSING (p. 268-269)

Stand

L: May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil,  
(*make the Sign of the Cross*)  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**A: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

L: Let us go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

## Considerations for music

“The Church’s liturgy moves within the cycle and rhythm of the liturgical seasons that celebrate the many facets of the mystery of Christ and salvation through the course of the liturgical year. The use of the Lectionary with the Sunday scriptures unites each Sunday assembly with the Church universal” *Pastoral Handbook for the Dioceses of Australia: Sunday Celebration of the Word, Sunday Celebration of the Hours*, p. 28. This cycle and rhythm of liturgical seasons should also be reflected in the musical selections for a Celebration of the Word.

“The hymn chosen for communion should speak of the meaning of the act of communion, and not adoration. The communicant is in union with Christ, and with the whole body of Christ. The hymn’s text should reflect the ritual action or speak of unity and service. Texts should not give the impression that the eucharistic celebration has taken place at *this* celebration.” *Pastoral Handbook*, p. 30.

As with selecting music for Mass, priority should be given to those parts of the liturgy that by their nature are sung e.g. Responsorial Psalm, Gloria (when appropriate), the Gospel Acclamation, and the Acclamations during the Proclamation of Praise. Then consideration should move to the Processional songs (Entrance, Word and Communion) and the verses of the Proclamation of Praise, followed by music for other parts of the liturgy.

For more information about musical selection see our document on *Music in the Liturgy* and p. xxxix-xlii in *Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours*.

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### **Other Useful Resources:**

Archdiocese of Brisbane. *Lay Leaders of Liturgy with Sample Rites for Sundays, Weekdays and Funerals*. Brisbane: The Liturgical Commission, 2004.

Chase, A. *Remaining Faithful: Sundays without the Eucharist*. Brisbane: The Liturgical Commission, 2004.

National Liturgical Commission. *Pastoral Handbook for the Dioceses of Australia: Sunday Celebration of the Word, Sunday Celebration of the Hours*. Brisbane: The Liturgical Commission, 2004.

