



The Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra and Goulburn

# Sunday Celebration of the Word and Communion - Ordinary Time 3

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*[Welcome one another.*

*The leader (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, e.g.)

L: Blessed be Jesus, who has made us one  
to give glory to our God and Father  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
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 are the mighty God and Prince of  
Peace:  
Lord have mercy.

**A: Lord have mercy.**

L: Christ Jesus, you are the Son of God  
and Son of Mary:  
Christ have mercy.

**A: Christ have mercy.**

L: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and radiance of  
God's glory:  
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.)*

For those who love you, Lord,  
you have prepared blessings which no eye has seen;  
fill our hearts with longing for you,

that, loving you in all things and above all things,  
we may obtain your promises,  
which exceed every heart's desire.  
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)*

*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: Blessed be God, who is merciful and kind, whose steadfast love endures forever. Sing praise, for the Lord is great! Shout in joy, for the Lord is gracious! Praise the name of the Lord in the heavens and on earth. Give thanks, for the Lord is good! Together let us voice our praise and sing/say: **Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!** **Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.**

Right hand side: Blessed be the Lord, who has done marvellous deeds, whose wisdom made the skies, who fixed the earth firmly on the seas, who made the sun, the moon and the stars. Praise the Lord who summons the clouds from the ends of the earth, who makes lightning produce the rains, who releases the winds from the storehouse, and who brings forth the fruit of the earth. Give thanks, for the Lord is good! Together let us voice our praise and sing/say: **Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!** **Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.**

Left hand side: Blessed be the Lord, who brought Israel out of slavery, whose out-stretched arm worked signs and wonders, who divided the Red Sea in two, and who let Israel pass through its midst. Praise the Lord who sent Jesus our Saviour, whose Spirit anointed him as the Christ, who remembered us in our distress, and who snatched us away from the foe. Give thanks, for the Lord is good! Together let us voice our praise and sing/say: **Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!** **Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.**

Right hand side: Blessed be God, who has raised Jesus from the dead, whose power exalted him on high, Who made us kings, prophets and priests, and who anoints us with the Spirit of love. Praise the Lord who loves us forever, whose goodness fills all the earth, who speaks the Word that guides our ways, and who calls us to a kingdom of joy.

Give thanks, for the Lord is good!  
Together let us voice our praise and sing/say:  
**Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!**  
**Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.**

Left hand side: Blessed be the Lord, God of all creation, who has given us life in His Son, Jesus Christ, who has saved us from death and who has renewed us in the new life of grace. Praise the Lord who assembles us in love, whose Spirit sends us out to the world, who makes us servants and witnesses to the Word. Give thanks, for the Lord is good! Together let us voice our praise and sing/say: **Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!** **Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.**

#### 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. (e.g. Ordinary Time, p. 262-3)  
*(Silent prayer)*

God of mercy,  
pour forth upon us your spirit of love,  
that we who have been nourished  
by the one bread from heaven  
may be one in mind and heart.  
Grant this through Christ our 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 (Alternative blessings p. 249-250)

Stand

L: God, the Father of mercies, has sent his Son into the world.

Through the Holy Spirit, who will teach us all truth,  
may He make us messengers of the Gospel  
*(make the Sign of the Cross)*  
and witnesses of His love to the world  
now and for ever.

**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:**

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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.

