



The Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

Weekday 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 community or assembly (A) is gathered]

L and A: Make the SIGN OF THE CROSS

LITURGICAL GREETING

(Ordinary Time, p. 89-90, in Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours, or from Mass of the day e.g.)

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.]

Our community worships
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
today
Mass was celebrated here [last Sunday or ...]
and extra hosts were consecrated for us.

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.

(Normally the Gloria is not prayed on weekdays.)

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

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 day 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 day from the Lectionary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung if possible)*

Stand

The Gospel Acclamation of the day from the Lectionary

Alleluia, alleluia...
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Gospel of the day 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.

(No Creed. The Creed is prayed on major feasts only).

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

L: In response to God's Word proclaimed in our midst we
pray to God for the needs of the Church and the World
*(Ordinary Time 1, p. 311 Sunday Celebration of
the Word and Hours or Intercessions from previous
Sunday.)*

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. (e.g. 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

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.

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