



The Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra and Goulburn

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

## 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 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.]

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: Before listening to the word,  
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

*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.**

(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.)*

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

### 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 3, p. 313 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: 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

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.**

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### **Other Useful Resources:**

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