



The Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

Sunday Celebration of the Word and Communion - Ordinary Time 2

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 God, who has begun a good work in us
and who will bring it to completion
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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 have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord have mercy.

A: Lord have mercy.

L: Christ Jesus, you have given us
the consolation of the truth:
Christ have mercy.

A: Christ have mercy.

L: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
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.)

O God,
the strength of all who hope in you,
accept our earnest prayer.
And since without you we are weak and certain to fall,

grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you in desire and in deed.
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 are you, Lord our God,
King of all ages:
from eternity you have called us to be your people,
to sing your praise at all times.
Bless us in our work and prayer,
and grant that our lives may give you glory
through our words, our witness, and our worship.
We give you praise, Father,
through Jesus Christ our brother and our Lord,
in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
God for endless ages,
as we voice our praise and sing/say:
**Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives joy
to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears to those who
trust in his ways.**

Right hand side: All praise leads to you, Father in heaven,
for leading us from the darkness of sin
into the light of your kingdom.
We bless you for sending your Son to save us,
to die for us that we might die to sin,
to be raised that we may share your life.
We thank you for giving us your spirit of love
to live in our hearts and lead us to you.
All glory, praise and honour be yours,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for endless ages.
To you, we voice our praise and sing/say:
**Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives joy
to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears to those who
trust in his ways.**

Left hand side: Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of all that is,
and Father of your chosen people:
we praise and thank you for your love.
Bring us to continue to praise you
by our lives and by our worship.
Together we call out to you:
**Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives joy
to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears to those who
trust in his ways.**

Right hand side: Send the Spirit of your Son into the hearts of all
people,
and lead them to eternal joy with you.
Gracious God, we ask this grace
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our brother,

in the love of the Holy Spirit
as we voice our praise and sing/say:
**Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives joy
to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears to those who
trust in his ways.**

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: Taught by our Saviour's command and formed by
the Word of God, we dare to say/sing:

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*)

Complete within us, Lord,
the healing work of your mercy,
and by your grace transform and strengthen us,
that we may please you in all that we do.
Grant this through Jesus 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: May God, who is blessed above all,
(*make the Sign of the Cross*)
bless us
in all things through Christ,
so that whatever happens in our lives
will work together for our good,
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:

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.

