



The Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

Weekday Celebration of the Word and Communion - Ordinary Time 2

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 eg.)

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.]

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 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.

(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.)

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

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 2, p. 312 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 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

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.

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