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**Celebration of the
Liturgy of the Word**
[*with Holy Communion*]

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Introductory Rites

Introduction

186 The celebration begins without a procession. As the liturgical assembly and ministers gather at their place, instrumental music may be played. When all have taken their place, the Deacon or lay leader of prayer, standing at a place other than behind the altar or at the chair designated for the Priest, stands at a central place, facing the gathered assembly, and then begins the celebration, with the following introduction:

**We gather here to celebrate the Lord's Day.
Sunday has been called the Lord's Day because
it was on this day
that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life.
Unfortunately, we are not able to celebrate the Mass today
because we do not have a Priest.
Let us be united in the spirit of Christ with
the Church around the world
and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering,
Death and Resurrection.**

STAND

187 All stand and the Deacon or lay leader of prayer, making the Sign of the Cross, sings or says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All make the Sign of the Cross and reply:

Amen.

Greeting

188 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer greets those present in the following words, taken from Sacred Scripture.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God for ever.

All respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

Opening Prayer

189 The Opening Prayer follows. The Deacon or lay leader of prayer invites the liturgical assembly to pray, saying:

Let us pray.

All present pray in silence for a short time. Then the Deacon or lay leader of prayer, with hands extended, says the prayer that follows, according to the proper time of the year. At the end of the prayer, the liturgical assembly responds:

Amen.

This form may be used for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

A Blessed are you, Father, Holy and Divine Creator.
All creation comes from your hand;
the entire universe bears the imprint of your goodness.
You call us not only to inhabit the earth,
but also to build it and thus become your co-workers.
You give us a Sabbath day of rest
when men and women everywhere raise their song to you
and become the voice of all creation.
What you accomplished in creation and wrought for your
people in the Exodus
has found its fullest expression in Christ's Death
and Resurrection.
And so we remember on this first day of the week
the salvation which you have given us in Baptism
and which has made us a new creation in Christ.

Advent Insert

In these Advent days when we prepare for the coming of the
Lord in glory
and the celebration of his birth into the human family,
we pray, God, that you would remove from our hearts
whatever might hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.

Christmas Insert

We give you glory, God in the highest, for the new light
that has dawned upon the world.
In Jesus, Emmanuel,
we see your love revealed before our eyes
and stand in awe before the mysterious marriage between
heaven and earth.

Lent Insert

Acknowledging our sins,
we pray, God,
for the gift of true repentance and genuine conversion.
Renew the grace of our Baptism within us
and inspire us to express our love for you in our service
of others.

Easter Insert

The good news of Easter fills our hearts with joy
as we remember Christ's victory over sin and death.
In him, who offered his life on the Cross,
a broken world has been renewed
and the promise of eternal life made sure.

We praise you, Almighty God and Father, for there is no
greater power that saves
and no greater love and mercy,
than that which comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in communion with the Holy Spirit,
both now and forever.

R/. Amen.

The following options are to be used in Ordinary Time and Feasts and Solemnities.

B Praise to you, God, our Father,
for you give us this first day of the week to restore our hope,
to refresh our spirits,
and inspire us for works of mercy, charity and apostolic service.
On this day that belongs to you,
we recall in faith that day
when Christ rose from the dead;
and with great fervor we look forward to the future of
Christ's return.

May our gathering this Sabbath day
lead us to a deeper solidarity of faith and a profound
sense of gratitude
for the grace of our Baptism.

May our prayer lead us to a love for the poor,
a greater respect for the dignity of human life,
and the liberation of the oppressed.

As we remember the Resurrection of your Christ,
may we receive the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit,
so that we might be effective witnesses of the Gospel.

To you belong all glory and honor and power
both now and forever .

R/. Amen.

C God of all creation,
we gather on this first day of the week
made holy by the Resurrection of Christ, your Son.
In the waters of Baptism we were buried with him
so that we might also rise with him
and so share his victory over sin and death.
You have transformed our lives into the living stones
that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone.
Strengthen this community's bond of communion and peace
and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout
the world.
Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom
so that our daily concerns and labor
may find their proper perspective.

Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel
and give us the grace to see the true face of the people with
whom we live.
In a world torn by sin and division
make us instruments of reconciliation and mercy.
We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God.
May we who celebrate Christ's Resurrection this day
share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

190 The readings and the Psalm are those assigned in the *Lectionary for Mass* for that particular Sunday. Before the readings are proclaimed, a brief introduction may be given in order to stimulate the attention of the listeners, to put the readings into context, or to point out connections between the readings.

First Reading

191 A reader other than the leader of prayer proclaims the First Reading.

Responsorial Psalm

192 After the First Reading, the Psalm assigned in the *Lectionary* is sung. If necessary, one of the common seasonal Psalms found in the *Lectionary* (no. 174) may be chosen. If not sung, the reader proclaims the verses of the Psalm and, as a rule, the people say the response. When only the refrain is used by the people during the Responsorial Psalm, it is preferable that the refrain be sung.

Second Reading

193 If there are to be three readings, a reader other than the leader of prayer proclaims the Second Reading.

Gospel Acclamation

STAND

194 The Gospel acclamation given in the *Lectionary* is sung before the proclamation of the Gospel.

Gospel

195 A Deacon proclaims the Gospel in the usual manner. However, a layperson omits the greeting, The Lord be with you, and proceeds to A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

Homily or Reflection on the Readings

SIT

196 A leader of prayer who is a Deacon gives a Homily.

When the leader of prayer is a layperson who has not been delegated to preach, the pastor prepares a text to be read at this time by the lay leader of prayer.

In other cases, when a layperson has been delegated to preach by the Bishop, he or she may give those present a brief explanation of the biblical text for the spiritual advantage of the faithful.

Period of Silence

197 After the preaching there is to be a period of sacred silence for reflection on the Word of God.

Dismissal of Catechumens

STAND

198 If catechumens are present, they may be dismissed at this point by use of option A or B.

A Catechumens, go in peace, and may the Lord remain with you always.

Catechumens:

Thanks be to God.

B My dear friends, this community now sends you forth to reflect more deeply upon the Word of God which you have shared with us today . Be assured of our loving support and prayers for you. We look forward to the day when you will share fully in the Lord's Table.

If for pastoral reasons the catechumens cannot be dismissed, option C is used.

C Although you cannot yet partake of Holy Communion, stay with us as a sign of our hope that all God's children will eat and drink with the Lord and work with the Holy Spirit to recreate the face of the earth.

An appropriate song may accompany the dismissal of the catechumens.

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Profession of Faith

STAND

199 The Profession of Faith is recited using one of the following formularies. The Apostles' Creed may be used during Lent and Easter Time, especially if there are catechumens or neophytes present in the liturgical assembly.

A Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

B Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

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.

Prayer of the Faithful

200 The Prayer of the Faithful is said or sung using the petitions given in Appendix I. Those best suited to the occasion may be used or adapted or other invocations that apply to the particular circumstances may be composed.

201 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer introduces the Prayer of the Faithful, inviting the liturgical assembly to pray. Another minister sings or recites the intentions. The Deacon or lay leader of prayer concludes the Prayer of the faithful with the prayer of the day (Collect) found in Appendix III.

The Deacon or lay leader of prayer offers the introduction in these words:

A In faith and humility let us offer our needs to the God of compassion.

B With faith in God's promises, let us now present our needs and petitions.

The petitions are then proclaimed by an assisting minister.

202 The leader of prayer concludes the intercessions with one of the following prayers or with the prayer of the day found in Appendix III.

A O God, our refuge and our strength,
hear the prayers of your Church,
for you yourself are the source of all devotion,
and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith
we may truly obtain.
Through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

B Incline your merciful ear to our prayers,
we ask, Lord,
and listen in kindness to the supplications of those who call
on you.
Through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

203 **If Holy Communion is not distributed, the service continues at no. 211.**

Communion Rite

204 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer goes to the place where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, genuflects, takes the ciborium containing the Body of the Lord, and places it on the altar.

Lord's Prayer

205 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer then returns to the designated chair and invites all present to sing or say the Lord's Prayer in these words:

The Father provides us with food for eternal life.
Let us pray for nourishment and strength.

The Deacon or lay leader of prayer continues with the people:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

KNEEL

206 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer then goes to the altar and genuflects. Taking the host, the minister raises it slightly over the vessel or ciborium and, facing the people, says:

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.

All say:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

207 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer reverently consumes the Body of Christ. Then the Deacon or lay leader of prayer and other extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, if needed, take the ciborium with the Eucharist and go to the communicants. The communicant bows his or her head as a sign of reverence before receiving Holy Communion. The ministers take a host for each one, raise it slightly, and say:

The Body of Christ.

The communicant answers Amen, and receives Holy Communion.

NOTE: During the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic, if Holy Communion is able to be distributed during a SCAP, it must be done in a way like the distribution occurs at a Mass—allowing for social distancing and necessary sanitizing as needed.

208 During the distribution of Holy Communion, an appropriate processional song may be sung.

209 After Holy Communion the Deacon or lay leader of prayer or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion return any remaining sacred hosts to the tabernacle.

210 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer returns to the designated chair. When the distribution of Holy Communion is finished, all spend some time praying privately.

SIT

Act of Thanksgiving

STAND

211 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer invites all to an Act of Thanksgiving, in which the faithful praise the glory and mercy of God. This can be done one by the use of a Psalm, a canticle, a hymn, a litany of praise, or a prayer. Additional Acts of Thanksgiving can be found in Appendix II.

All stand, and the Deacon or lay leader of prayer, facing in the same direction as the gathered assembly, leads the Act of Thanksgiving.

A Psalm 100

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the, earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.
Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Go within his gates, giving thanks.
Enter his courts with songs of praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

B Psalm 113

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

C Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love endures for ever."
Let the sons of Aaron say:
"His love endures for ever."
Let those who fear the Lord say:
His love endures for ever."

Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter.

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Lord, grant us salvation;
Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches
even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures for ever.

D **Psalm 136:1-9, 13-14, 16,18, 21-26**
O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his love endures forever;

who alone has wrought marvelous works,
for his love endures for ever;
whose wisdom it was made the skies,
for his love endures for ever;
who fixed the earth firmly on the seas,
for his love endures forever.

It was he who made the great lights,
for his love endures for ever,
the sun to rule in the day,
for his love endures for ever.
the moon and stars in the night,
for his love endures forever.

He divided the Red Sea in two.
for his love endures forever;
he made Israel pass through the midst,
for his love endures forever.

Through the desert his people he led,
for his love endures for ever.
Kings in their splendor he slew,
for his love endures for ever.

He let Israel inherit their land,
for his love endures for ever.
On his servant their land he bestowed,
for his love endures for ever.
He remembered us in our distress,
for his love endures for ever.

And he snatched us away from our foes,
for his love endures for ever.
He gives food to all living things,
for his love endures for ever.
To the God of heaven give thanks,
for his love endures for ever.

E **Psalm 150**
Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his powerful deeds,
praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet,
praise him with lute and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals,
praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord. (Alleluia!)

Concluding Rite

SIT

212 There follow brief announcements and the collection of monetary offerings from the gathered assembly. The celebration ends with an invitation to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the blessing and sign of peace.

Invitation to Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood

213 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer says in these or similar words:

Mindful of the Lord's word, "Ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest," let us pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood. May our prayer hasten the day when we will be able to take part in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday.

Blessing

STAND

214 A leader of prayer who is a Deacon says:

The Lord be with you.

All respond:

And with your spirit.

He blesses the people using the following blessing.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

A leader of prayer who is a layperson using no gesture says:

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

Sign of Peace

215 The Deacon or lay leader of prayer may invite the people to exchange the sign of peace in these words:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange an appropriate sign of peace.

216 A song, instrumental music or choral anthem of the day may conclude the celebration.