

Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word

During this time when we are unable to attend mass, you may want to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at home as a family. The format that follows does not require a priest or deacon, just God's faithful wishing to celebrate His word.

You should assign a leader but certainly involve others to share the different parts and readings. You should set up a table with a linen or covering as your altar with one or two candles and your reading resources.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Greeting

Leader: Brothers and sisters, the Lord invites us to gather to share in his word; Bless him for his goodness.

All: Blessed be God forever.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Leader: My brothers and sisters,
To prepare ourselves for this celebration,
Let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection

All: I confess to almighty God
And to you my brothers and sisters,
That I have greatly sinned,
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done and what I have failed to do,
Through my fault, through my fault,
Through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angel and Saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins,
And bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

Proclaim the readings for the day. The US Catholic Conference of Bishops' website has the readings for each day of the week. If you wish, you can choose to have the readings in audio and you can also get a short video reflection by selecting these features on the left side at the beginning of the readings. Following is the link that will take you directly to the readings for the current day on the USCCB website:

www.usccb.org/bible/readings/

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray in confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father....

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Let us offer each other the Sign of Peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: Although we cannot physically receive the Eucharist at this time, let us celebrate a Spiritual Communion together as we say:

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our celebration of this Spiritual Communion help us experience the

Salvation you won for us and the peace of your kingdom

Where you live forever and ever.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Amen.