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[Insert between pages 492 and 493 of the Canadian Roman Missal]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

When the people are gathered, the Entrance Hymn and procession takes place in the usual manner. The Leader of Prayer approaches the Altar with the Servers, who carry the cross and candles, if it is the custom, and with the Readers and other Ministers while the Entrance Song is sung. If it is the custom to carry the Book of the Gospel at the Sunday Eucharist, one of the Readers carries it and not the Leader of Prayer, even if he is a Deacon. At the Altar, they make a profound bow to the Altar (and/or genuflection to the Tabernacle) and go to their places. The Leader of Prayer goes to a chair, prepared in or near the sanctuary.

Explanatory Remark

After the Entrance Hymn or Chant, the Leader of Prayer introduces the celebration in these or similar words, using the appropriate wording that applies to the situation or adapting them:

My brothers and sisters,
due to:

- sudden illness,
- hazardous road conditions,
- severe weather conditions,
- unforeseen circumstances,
- a death in the family,

our parish priest cannot be with us today
and there is no other priest available to take his place,
therefore, we are unable to celebrate the Eucharist today.
Nevertheless, faithful to God's call, we have gathered
in order to listen to and be nourished by the Word of the Lord
and to give praise and thanks to God.
Therefore, this celebration fulfills our Sunday obligation.

Let us pray for Father *N.*, that he may return to us shortly.
Now in union with the whole Catholic Church,
and mindful of those who are unable to celebrate the Holy Eucharist
due to persecution, war or the shortage of priests,
let us keep holy the Lord's Day
by joining in this celebration of God's word.

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Then the Leader of Prayer makes the sign of the Cross with the people while saying:
In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

The people reply:. Amen.

The lay Leader of Prayer greets the people in the following manner:

Gathered in the love of God,
rejoicing in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and united in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
let us greet one another as we exchange a sign of the peace of Christ.

All offer one another a sign of peace.

The Deacon makes the Sign of the Cross with the people and adds the customary Greeting from the Roman Missal. Then he adds:

Recognizing the Lord is present
when two or three are gathered in his name,
let us greet one another as we exchange a sign of the peace of Christ.

All offer one another a sign of peace.

Penitential Act

Then the Leader of Prayer invites the faithful to join in the Penitential Act:

My brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge the mercy of God,
revealed in Christ,
and so prepare ourselves to listen to God's Word.

After a brief pause for silence, the Penitential Act follows as in the Roman Missal, pages 492-493.

Glory to God

Then, when it is prescribed, this hymn is either sung or said by all. (See pages 495-6).

Collect

The Leader of Prayer, with hands joined, says:

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence. Then the Leader of Prayer, with hands extended, says the Collect Prayer, as found for the Sunday in the Roman Missal.

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The Lord's Prayer and *Deliver Us*

Following the Collection, all stand and the Leader of Prayer, remaining at the chair, invites all to pray the Lord's Prayer, as found in the Roman Missal on page 640. Afterwards the Prayer, *Deliver Us*, on page 641 is added.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Then the Leader of Prayer says:

My brothers and sisters,
since we cannot celebrate the Eucharist
or receive Communion at this time,
let us join in prayer together,
asking the Lord Jesus Christ to renew us in mind, body and spirit,
as we seek spiritual Communion with him.

All pause for a moment of silence, then the Leader of Prayer continues:

Lord Jesus Christ,
we know and believe that you gave the Eucharist to the Church
as the memorial of your Death and Resurrection,
and it grieves us that we cannot celebrate the Sacrifice of the Cross
or participate in the Sacred Banquet of your Body and Blood.
Nevertheless, look upon the desire of your faithful people
to be renewed by your word and presence in prayer,
and abide with us spiritually in our minds, hearts and souls.

By your Word and the power of the Holy Spirit
unite us more firmly in our faith
and strengthen us in love,
that we may go forth in your name
to proclaim your loving mercy to all people.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

The people reply: Amen.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this time.

Concluding Rite

Blessing

All stand and the lay Leader of Prayer says:

Let us bow before the Lord and implore God's blessing.

The Leader continues:

May the mercy, peace and kindness of God
dwell in our hearts and minds
and keep us faithful to his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the Blessing all make the sign of the cross, as the Leader of Prayer says:

And may the almighty and merciful God,
the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless us and protect us now and for ever.

The people reply: Amen.

Dismissal

The Leader says:

My brothers and sisters, let us go in the peace of Christ
to love and serve the Lord.

The people reply: Thanks be to God.

<p>The Deacon gives the Blessing and Dismissal as usual.</p>
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Closing Hymn

Then as the Hymn is sung or music is played, the ministers bow to the Altar with the Leader of Prayer, and all withdraw in the usual manner.

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[To be given to Musicians]

Liturgy of the Word on Sunday

In Exceptional Circumstances

Notes for Musicians

The guiding principle in conducting a Liturgy of the Word in an emergency situation is to keep the service as normal as possible.

- The Entrance Procession takes place as usual while the Entrance Hymn is sung.
- The third form of the Penitential Act is used, therefore, the *Lord, have mercy* is not sung.
- The *Glory to God* is sung or recited according to the custom of the place. It is omitted during Advent and Lent.
- The Responsorial Psalm is sung or recited as usual. The Gospel Acclamation is sung; otherwise it is omitted.
- A Hymn during the collection is sung as usual. If it can be arranged at the last minute, a hymn of praise is most appropriate after the collection. In this case, instrumental music should be played during the collection.
- The Eucharistic Acclamations: *Holy, Holy*, Memorial Acclamation, the *Amen*, and the Lamb of God are not sung under any circumstances.
- If Communion is distributed the Communion Hymn is sung; When Communion is not distributed the Communion Hymn is omitted.
- A Recessional Hymn is sung as usual as the ministers leave the sanctuary.