

First Communion Learning Center 9

Liturgy of the Word

"Happy are those who hear God's Word and obey it."

Luke 11:28

1. Read the above passage from Luke and discuss what this means. Talk about the need to listen to God's Word.
2. Read the story entitled, "Mary Listens to Jesus".
 - a. What did Jesus say about being a good listener?
3. Together, read through the "Liturgy of the Word" page, paying special attention to our responses.

4. Have your child fill out the worksheet

Answers (1. Sign, Cross) (2. Have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy) (4. Thanks be to God) (5. Alleluia)

Mary Listens to Jesus

One day, Jesus was on a journey. He came to a village where two sisters, Martha and Mary, lived.

Martha welcomed Jesus into their home. Her sister, Mary, sat down with Jesus and listened to all he was saying. Martha, instead, was very busy with all the work that had to be done.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do all the serving myself? Please tell her to help me."

Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you worry about so many things. They are important. But the most important thing is to be with me and to listen to my words. Mary has chosen to listen to my words. That shall not be taken away from her."

Based on Luke 10:38-42

My response to God's word: Lord, open my ears and my heart to your words.



The first part of the Mass is called

Liturgy of the Word

- We begin with The Sign of the Cross
- We ask God to forgive our sins
 "Lord, have Mercy. Christ, have Mercy. Lord, have Mercy."
- We say a prayer of praise to God- the "Gloria"
- We listen to God's Word



First Reading

The First Reading is usually from the Old Testament, the first section of the Bible. After the reading, the lector says, "The word of the Lord." We respond, "Thanks be to God."



Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm is taken from the Book of Psalms, from the Old Testament. It is usually sung. We sing along.



Second Reading

The Second Reading is from the New Testament, the second section of the Bible. After the reading the lector says, "The word of the Lord." We respond, "Thanks be to God."



Gospel Acclamation

To prepare to hear the Good News of the Gospel, we stand and sing: "Alleluia", or during Lent we sing: "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory."

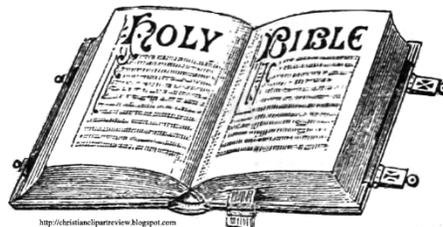
Before reading the Gospel, the priest or deacon says, "The Lord be with you." We respond, "And with your Spirit." Then Father says, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (or Matthew, Mark, or Luke). We respond, "Glory to you, O Lord."



Gospel Reading

The Gospel is taken from the New Testament. It tells the Good News of Jesus Christ. After he has proclaimed the Gospel reading, Father will say, "The Gospel of the Lord." We respond, "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ."

- We sit down and listen to the Homily. The priest talks about the readings we have just heard. He helps us to understand what they mean and how we can be more like Jesus by following God's words.
- We stand for the Profession of Faith. We usually pray the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed to profess (tell) what we believe. We all pray this together as a community of believers.
- During the Prayer of the Faithful, we pray for the needs of the Church and all God's people everywhere. After each petition, we respond: "Lord, hear our prayer.", or a similar response. Father will then say a concluding prayer to which we say, "Amen."



Liturgy of the Word Worksheet

After reading the booklet on the Liturgy of the Word, fill in the blanks

1. We begin the Mass with the _____ of the _____.
2. We ask God to forgive us when we say, Lord, _____.
3. One of my favorite stories I like to listen to from the Bible is
_____.
4. After we listen to the Word of God, we say, "_____."
5. Before the Gospel, we sing _____, which means "Praise to God."



Jesus reading in the Temple