

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, and Homily

1. The Gospel Acclamation

is sung or said while standing to show respect and honor to the Word of God. Most of the time we sing or say, “Alleluia, Alleluia.” During Lent, we sing or say, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.” The Gospel Acclamation prepares us to hear the Word of God. The priest or deacon will hold the Book of the Gospels high as he carries it from the altar to the ambo while we sing. Altar servers may carry lighted candles.



2. The Gospel

is from the New Testament and from the Gospel books of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

We begin the Gospel with the priest or deacon saying, “The Lord be with you.”

And all say, “And with your spirit.”

The priest or deacon continues with, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to either Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.”

All say, “Glory to you. O Lord.”

We also bless ourselves in a special way with small Signs of the Cross on our forehead, lips and over our heart.

As we do this, we ask Jesus to be in our mind, in our words and in our heart.





Then the Word of the Lord is read from either one of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

We end with the priest saying, “The Gospel of the Lord.”
All respond, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.”



3. The Homily

is when the priest or deacon explains the Gospel and other readings.
This is the time to listen to his words and to listen with your heart.

