

At Home Rite of Anointing on Sundays of Lent

Every Sunday, during the Lenten Season, we invite you to gather those in your household near your Sacred Space where you have the blessed oil that was provided.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Sign of the Cross and Greeting:

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Praised be the God of grace, mercy, and peace. Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: At our Baptism we were anointed priests, prophets and kings. Anointed to heal our world. As we are anointed today we ask for God's healing and for the rekindling of a sense of hope and mission in our hearts. May the Spirit make us generous in the sharing of our lives and the service of others.

Collect

Leader; Let us pray.

Period of silence.

Leader: Father in Heaven, through Baptism we die and rise with Christ to a life lived for others. May this season of Lent help us heal and reclaim our Baptismal identity as those anointed to heal the world. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah,

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God; to comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, to give them oil of gladness instead of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Anointing—At this time you can proceed with the anointing. Find the container with Blessed Oil you received that should be in your Sacred Space, open the container, dip your thumb in the oil and proceed make a cross with the oil on the other person palms. The leader can do all the anointing or different family members can take turn anointing each other.

Leader: Now in obedience to Christ himself, let us join in prayer to the Father, asking him to heal us as we serve others.

Our Father...

Leader: Father, our source of life, you know our woundedness. May we encounter joy as we serve others through prayer, sacrifices and giving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

Leader: May the Father bless us, for he adopted us as his children. Amen.

May the Son come to help us, for he has received us as brothers and sisters. Amen.

May the Spirit be with us, for he has made us his dwelling place. Amen.

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

