

CELEBRATION OF A LITURGY OF THE WORD OUTSIDE OF MASS

Introductory Prayers

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us acknowledge our sins and ask the Lord for pardon and peace.

All: I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sister, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in 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 Angels 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.

Leader: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May the Lord be in our hearts and on our lips, that we may proclaim the Word of the Lord worthily and well, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading (on Sundays and Solemnities), and the Gospel

- These can be found on the USCCB website – usccb.org – in the calendar on the right side of the home screen. Click on the day. They can also be translated into Spanish

Reflection

- Optional questions to assist in breaking open the Word in the absence of a homily. Feel free to choose as many or as few as you want.
 - o Was there a word or phrase that stood out to you in the readings?
 - o Why do you think that word or phrase was important?
 - o What do you think was the main emphasis of the readings?
 - o What do you think is the historical context of these readings?
 - o Was there anything that surprised you?
 - o Was there anything that was particularly challenging or difficult?
 - o What do you think God is saying in these readings?
 - o Was there anything that you sensed God said to you personally?
 - o How do these readings connect to Jesus?
 - o How do these readings challenge you to be a better disciple of Christ?

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Prayers of the Faithful

- Option 1
 - Leader: We should pour forth prayers at all times, dear brothers and sisters, but, above all, in these days of Lent we ought to watch more intently with Christ and direct our petitions more fervently to God
 - Lector: For the whole Christian people, that in this sacred time they may be more abundantly nourished by every word that comes from the mouth of God, let us pray to the Lord... Lord hear our prayer
 - Lector: For the whole world, that in lasting tranquility and peace our days may truly become the acceptable time of grace and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Lector: For sinners and the neglectful, that in this time of reconciliation we may return to Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Lector: For all those affected by the coronavirus, that they may be protected and given every healing grace, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Lector: For ourselves, that God may at last stir up in our hearts aversion for our sins, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Leader: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your people may turn to you with all their heart, so that whatever they dare to ask in fitting prayer they may receive by your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.
 - All: Amen.
- Option 2
 - Leader: As the Solemnity of Easter approaches, dear friends, let our prayer to the Lord be all the more insistent, that all of us, and the whole multitude of the baptized, together with the entire world, may come to share more abundantly in this sacred mystery.
 - Lector: That God may be please to increase faith and understanding in the catechumens who are to be initiated by Holy Baptism in the coming Paschal Solemnity, let us pray to the Lord... Lord hear our prayer.
 - Lector: That peoples in need may find help and that peace and security may be firmly established everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Lector: That all who are afflicted or suffering temptation may be strengthened by his grace, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Lector: For all those affected by the coronavirus, that they may be protected and given every healing grace, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Lector: That all of us may learn to distribute the fruits of self-denial for the good of those in need, let us pray to the Lord.
 - Leader: Have mercy, O Lord, on the prayers of your Church and turn with compassion to the hearts that bow before you, that those you make sharers in the divine mystery may never be left without your assistance. Through Christ our Lord.
 - All: Amen.
- Close the Prayers of the Faithful with the Our Father

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Spiritual Communion

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lamb of God...

All: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Leader: Let us now open our minds and hearts to receive the Lord who is in our midst.

Together: Lord Jesus Christ, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. 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 have already come and I unite myself wholly to you. Never let me be separated from you.

Pray in Silence

Concluding Prayers

Fourth Week of Lent

- Leader: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Fifth Week of Lent

- Leader: By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, our of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Closing Prayer

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

All: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.