



SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the context of a family home, it is appropriate to set up a prayerful centerpiece, such as a crucifix and candles. Before you begin the Liturgy of the Word, allow a few moments of prayerful silence. It is appropriate for the head of the household to lead the service.

Entrance Antiphon

Read aloud the Entrance Antiphon of the week.

Introductory Rite

In the name of the Father...

—Amen.

Let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ, who is present among us and in his Word, and who keeps us united in love. Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

—Blessed be God for ever.

Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord's Sabbath.

—I confess to almighty God...

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

—Amen.

Gloria

This is to be omitted in the season of Lent.

—Glory to God in the Highest...Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Read aloud the Collect for the week.

Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading, Psalm, and Second Reading, are read by designated readers. Indicate the end of the reading by saying the following.

The Word of the Lord.

—Thanks be to God.

The Gospel, is to be proclaimed by the leader and does not say "The Lord be with you" but instead begins the Gospel with the following proclamation.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...

—Glory to you, O Lord.

Indicate the end of the Gospel by saying the following.

The Gospel of the Lord.

—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

A brief reflection may be given followed by a moment of silence and prayerful reflection.

Creed

It is appropriate during the season of Lent and Easter to recite the Apostles Creed instead of the Nicene Creed.

—I Believe in one God...

General Intercessions

Let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

Petitions are offered for the whole Church and for the world, as well as for the local community and other needs. The following order is a model:

- for the needs of the Church.
- for the public authorities and the salvation of the whole world.
- for those oppressed by any need.
- for the local community.
- for the dead.

O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord.

—Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the savior's command, and formed divine teaching, we dare to say:

—Our Father... but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Concluding Rites

Let us pray.

May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord.

—Amen.

Dismissal and Blessing

Using the following formula, it is appropriate for the parents (especially the father) to give a familial blessing since they have spiritual authority over the family. Sprinkling holy water and making the sign of the cross at this time is also recommended.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

—Amen.