

# **LEADER of PRAYER**

## **Sunday Celebration in the absence of a priest or deacon (SCAP)**

**Note: Should a deacon be present, he will take the role of Leader and preach instead of reading the reflection.**

The first and second readings, Gospel and the Prayer of the Faithful will be proclaimed by the regularly scheduled lector. **The Book of the Gospels is not used.** The readings and reflection should be read from **AT HOME WITH THE WORD**, included in the lector packet.

The opening prayer and other prayers will be led by a designated Eucharistic minister, wearing a wireless microphone (if necessary) and taking a position in the sanctuary. **The presidential chair is not used.** Communion (Host) will be distributed. One additional Eucharistic minister is needed and there are no servers. (Ensure that there are enough consecrated hosts, divided into two ciboria)

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Before Mass begins, the lector places **At Home with the Word** on the ambo and advises the assembly of the absence of the priest, offering alternatives to the SCAP liturgy. The lector then reads the announcements in the normal way and takes a seat in the assembly.

### **OPENING SONG**

The leader of music will lead the song.. There is no entrance procession.

### **GREETING**

At the conclusion of the song, the leader leaves the assembly and goes and stands in front of one of the chairs in the sanctuary, not near the Presidential Chair. Speaking as one among equals, he/she says:

**Let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.**

The Leader then makes the Sign of the Cross:

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,**

People: Amen

**Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God forever.**

People: Blessed be God forever.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

The Leader invites the assembly to pray, saying:

**Let us pray.**

The leader then leads the assembly in one of the following prayers, according to the liturgical season:

### **Ordinary Time**

**Praise to you, O God our Father, for you give us this day to restore our hope, to refresh our spirits, and to inspire us for works of mercy, charity and apostolic service.**

**On this day that belongs to you, we recall in faith that day when Christ rose from the dead; and with great**

**fervor, we look forward to the future of Christ's return.**

**May our gathering lead us to a deeper solidarity of faith and a profound sense of gratitude for the grace of our Baptism. May our prayer lead us to a love for the poor, a greater respect for the dignity of human life and the liberation of the oppressed.**

**As we remember the resurrection of Christ, may we receive the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit so that we may be effective witnesses of the Gospel.**

**To you belong all glory and honor and power, now and forever.**

People: Amen

**Leader: Please be seated.**

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### **Advent**

**Blessed are you Father, Holy and Devine Creator. All creation comes from your hand; the entire universe bears the imprint of your goodness.**

**You call us not only to inhabit the earth, but also to build it and thus become your co-workers.**

**You give us a Sabbath day of rest when men and women everywhere raise their song to you and become the voice of all creation.**

**What you accomplished in creation has found its fullest expression in Christ's death and resurrection.**

**And so we remember the salvation which you have given us in Baptism and which has made us a new creation in Christ.**

**In these Advent days as we prepare for the coming of the Lord in glory and the celebration of his birth into the human family, we pray, O God, that you would remove from our hearts whatever might hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.**

People: Amen

**Leader: Please be seated.**

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## **Christmas**

**Blessed are you Father, Holy and Devine Creator. All creation comes from your hand; the entire universe bears the imprint of your goodness.**

**You call us not only to inhabit the earth, but also to build it and thus become your co-workers.**

**You give us a Sabbath day of rest when men and women everywhere raise their song to you and become the voice of all creation.**

**What you accomplished in creation has found its fullest expression in Christ's death and resurrection.**

**And so we remember the salvation which you have given us in Baptism and which has made us a new creation in Christ.**

**We give you glory, O God in the highest, for the new light that has dawned upon the world. In Jesus, Emmanuel, we see your love revealed before our eyes and stand in awe before the mysterious marriage between heaven and earth.**

People: Amen

**Leader: Please be seated.**

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### **Lent**

**Blessed are you Father, Holy and Divine Creator. All creation comes from your hand; the entire universe bears the imprint of your goodness.**

**You call us not only to inhabit the earth, but also to build it and thus become your co-workers. You give us a Sabbath day of rest when men and women**

**everywhere raise their song to you and become the voice of all creation.**

**What you accomplished in creation has found its fullest expression in Christ's death and resurrection.**

**And so we remember the salvation which you have given us in Baptism and which has made us a new creation in Christ.**

**Acknowledging our sins, we pray O Lord, for the gift of true repentance and genuine conversion. Renew the grace of our Baptism within us and inspire us to express our love for you in our service of others.**

People: Amen

**Leader: Please be seated.**

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### **Easter**

**Blessed are you Father, Holy and Devine Creator. All creation comes from your hand; the entire universe bears the imprint of your goodness.**

**You call us not only to inhabit the earth, but also to build it and thus become your co-workers.**

**You give us a Sabbath day of rest when men and women everywhere raise their song to you and become the voice of all creation.**

**What you accomplished in creation has found its fullest expression in Christ's death and resurrection.**

**And so we remember the salvation which you have given us in Baptism and which has made us a new creation in Christ.**

**The good news of Easter fills our hearts with joy as we remember Christ's victory over sin and death. In him, who offered his life on the cross, a broken world has been renewed, and the promise of eternal life made sure.**

**We praise you Almighty God and Father, for there is no greater power that saves and no greater love and mercy, than that which comes from you, through your son Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

People: Amen

**Leader: Please be seated.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The leader returns to the assembly. The readings are proclaimed by the lector in the usual way. The **psalm** and the **acclamation** before the gospel will be led by the leader of song in the usual way.

### **First Reading**

### **Psalm**

### **Second Reading**

## **Acclamation**

## **Gospel**

Following the gospel, the lector says:

Please be seated for a reflection on today's readings..

The lector will read the reflection for the day found in **At Home With The Word**, (not including the questions at the end of the reflection), and then return to the assembly. The Leader now moves back to the sanctuary.

## **Profession of Faith**

**Leader: (standing)**

**Let us stand and profess the Apostles Creed together:**

**I believe in God,  
the father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,**



**and he is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

The lector returns to the ambo. Leader remains in the sanctuary.

## **General Intercessions**

**Leader:**

**With faith in God's promises, let us now present our  
needs and petitions.**

The lector then leads the Prayer of the Faithful in the usual way.

The leader concludes the intercessions, saying:

**Leader:**

**God of love, our refuge and our strength, hear the  
prayers of your Church, and grant us today what we  
ask of you in faith, through Christ our Lord.**

People: Amen

## **Communion Rite**

The leader goes to the tabernacle along with one other minister, genuflects, and reverently takes the ciboria containing the Body of the Lord and places them the altar.

If the assembly is seated, the leader asks them to stand.

## **Our Father**

At the altar, the leader invites the assembly to say the Lord's Prayer.

**Leader:**

**The Father provides us with food for eternal life. Let us pray for nourishment and life:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses;  
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

## **Sign of Peace**

**Leader:**

**In the love of Christ, let us offer one another a sign of peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

The leader genuflects. Taking the host, the leader raises it slightly over the ciborium and facing the people, says:

**Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof;  
only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## **Communion**

The leader and the other communion minister offer each other communion at the altar. The leader and second minister then take communion to the people.

## **Communion Song**

During communion, a communion song will be sung.

Following communion, the second minister genuflects and puts the ciboria back in the tabernacle.

The second minister returns to his/her seat in the assembly. The leader, seated on one of the server chairs in the sanctuary, pauses for a brief time. The leader then stands and after asking the congregation to stand, says:

**Leader: Let us pray...**

**Father,  
may we grow in love for you and one another by this  
celebration; we ask this through Jesus Christ, who is  
Lord for ever and ever.**

People: Amen

## **Collection**

**Leader:** Let us be seated as the ushers take up the collection.

A song of thanksgiving will accompany the collection.

## **Concluding Rite and Dismissal**

Leader:

**Please stand.**

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

People: Amen

**Let us go in the peace of Christ.**

All: Thanks be to God.

The leader returns to the assembly.

## **Closing Song**

The music minister then leads the closing song. There is no recessional.

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