

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

After you gather as a family, you could begin with an optional hymn or a more extended time of praise. Then all stand for the greeting by the leader/head of the household.

**Leader:**

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

**All reply:**

Amen

**Leader:**

Brothers and sisters,  
the Lord invites us to his table  
to share in the body of Christ:  
bless him for his goodness.

**All reply:**

Blessed be God forever

### PENITENTIAL RITE

The penitential rite follows, and the leader invites the people to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

**Leader:**

My brothers and sisters,  
to prepare ourselves for this celebration,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**All reply:**

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
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,  
(And, striking their breast, they say:)  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
(then they continue)  
therefore I ask the 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 reply:** Amen

**CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**  
**1ST READING**

**Reader:** A reading from the 1st book of Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said,

“There – anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalmist:** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**All:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Psalmist:** He guides me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**All:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Psalmist:** You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Psalmist:** Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**All:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### 2ND READING

**Reader:** A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes

visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

*All Stand*

**Leader:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**All:** Glory to you O Lord

*All sign their forehead, lips, and heart and pray silently; "May the Lord be on mind, on my lips, and in my heart".*

**Leader:** As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**PAUSE FOR SILENT REFLECTION**

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Leader:** God is our stronghold and our refuge. Let us pray to this loving Father for all our needs.

*At this point, the leader and/or family members may lift up any prayers of petition. It is always good to pray for our leaders in the Church and the government, your own family needs, those who are sick, and for those who have died. Please add any other intentions as well.*

**Leader:** Father, you search our hearts and discern our needs, before we ask. In your mercy, hear our prayer, through Christ our Lord.

**All reply:**

Amen

**Leader:** Let us pray.

O God, you enlighten everyone who comes into this world; illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity, through Christ our Lord.

**All reply:** Amen

**Leader:**

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

**All reply:** Amen

