



Liturgy - November Moment – Catholic Schools Week 2021

These resources could be used to build a Liturgy of the Word or a Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is designed to respect social distancing. If you have a school intercom, it may be possible for the whole school community to connect even though staying in their assigned classroom.



Using Google Drive or a similar platform, a 'Book of Remembrance' could be set up where students can create a list of those to be remembered. It could be co-ordinated by the RE teachers.

A candle is lit by the teacher in each room. For the music suggestions, recordings can be played of each piece due to restrictions around singing.

Entrance Song: God Will Wipe Away All Tears (Bernard Sexton, dedicated to victims of COVID-19, their families and friends)

Penitential Rite: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Leader: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: You are seated at the right hand of the father to intercede for us: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.



Liturgy of the Word

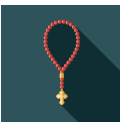
First Reading: Jer 29:10-14

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

For the Lord says this: 'When the seventy years granted to Babylon are over, I shall intervene on your behalf and fulfil my favourable promise to you by bringing you back to this place. Yes, I know what plans I have in mind for you,' the Lord declares, 'plans for peace, not for disaster, to give you a future of hope. When you call to me and come and pray to me, you will find me; when you search wholeheartedly for me, I shall let you find me,' the Lord declares. 'I shall restore your fortunes and gather you in from the nations and wherever I have driven you,' the Lord declares. 'I shall bring you back to the places from which I exiled you.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





Psalm: Ps 63: 1-8

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting,
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
To see your strength and glory.
For your love is better than life,
My lips will speak of your praise.

3. So I will bless you all my life,
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy.

4. You have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading: Rv 21: 1-4

A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'Look, here God lives among human beings. He will make his home among them; they will be his people, and he will be their God, God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

v. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we may see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!





Gospel Reading: Mk 4:35-41

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

One day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the farther shore.' Leaving the crowd, they took him away in the boat in which he was sitting, while the other boats accompanied him. It happened that a bad squall blew up. The waves were breaking over the boat and it began to ship water badly. Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They finally woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, does it not matter to you that we are going to drown?' He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea: 'Quiet! Be Still!' The wind fell off and everything grew calm. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?' A great awe overcame them at this. They kept saying to one another, 'Who can this be that the wind and the sea obey him?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful

Brothers and sisters, as we now make our prayer for the community and for the world, let us all pray to Christ the Lord, not only for ourselves and our own needs, but for the entire people:

1. We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop _____, members of the clergy and for all the Christian community. Inspired by the work of the Holy Spirit, may they continue to guide and strengthen the Church.
Lord hear us.
2. We pray for the Congregation of _____. May their work continue to inspire us to live by the values of their founder/foundress _____.
Lord hear us.
3. We pray for our school community. In this challenging time, may we always act in a way that has grown out of faith, hope and love.
Lord hear us.
4. We pray for our parents and grandparents. May their love and guidance continue to strengthen us, comfort us and inspire us.
Lord hear us.
5. We pray for loved ones that have passed away. (Pause.) May they find eternal peace and happiness in the presence of God.
Lord hear us.
6. We pray for our family and friends on the frontline. May God protect them and continue to give them to courage for our sake.
Lord hear us.

Priest: 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.





Reflection:

While some music is playing, students are invited to whisper/say aloud the names of those they are thinking of at this time.

Suggested music:

1. God Will Wipe Away All Tears (Bernard Sexton)
2. Deep and Lasting Peace (Michael Joncas)
3. The Clouds' Veil (Liam Lawton)
4. In Silence and Peace (Liam Lawton)
5. In Christ Alone (Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend, from *Feasts & Seasons 2*)
6. O God You Search Me (Bernadette Farrell)
7. The Irish Blessing 2020 (over 300 churches from our island sing a blessing over Ireland & beyond during the global pandemic)
8. Jesus, Remember Me (Taize)
9. Mass settings (*Sing the Mass*)
10. Irish Mass settings (*Canamis*)

