



Liturgy for Moment One: Families of Hope

(Adaptable as the Liturgy of the Word)

The space can be set up very simply, using candles, a cross and a large glass vessel or book with the names of loved ones to be remembered.

Entrance Song: *Accompany a procession of all pupils to bring forth a candle representing those they would like to remember.*

Penitential Rite:

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

Lord have mercy.

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

Christ have mercy.

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

Lord have mercy.

(You may consider singing this. See 'Sing the Mass', Mass of Renewal by Bernard Sexton)

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:6–9)

Psalm: Lord, you are my Shepherd (Ephrem Feeley)

Second Reading:

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (11:2; 12:1–4, 15; 13:1)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 14:1–12)



Prayers of Intercession:

(Source: *The Roman Missal*)

1. That God may establish the Christian people in faith and unity, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
2. That God may rescue the entire world from all the evils of war, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
3. That God may be pleased to show himself a father to our brothers and sisters who lack work, food or housing, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
4. That God may welcome into the light of his face all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
5. For our families. That we may imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that after the difficulties of this world, we may share in their company forever, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
6. For ourselves. May we show God's compassion and mercy, especially when it is a challenge to do so, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

Prayer service could end here, followed by a suitable piece of music.

If a priest is present, it would be appropriate to consider a simple Adoration of the Holy Cross (see the Roman Missal).

Recommendation: Eucharistic Prayer II

Music Suggestions (especially for the World Meeting of Families):

7. *A Joy for All the Earth* – Official Hymn of the World Meeting of Families 2018 (Ephrem Feeley)
8. *May Your Love Be Upon Us* (Bernard Sexton)
9. *Heart of Our Love* (Columba McCann)
10. *Gathered in the Love of Christ* (Marty Haugen)
11. *May God Bless and Keep You* (David Haas)
12. *I Have Loved You* (Michael Joncas)
13. *There Is No Greater Love* (Michael Joncas)
14. *Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gifts* (Stephen C. Warner)
15. *Where There is Love* (David Haas)
16. *May God Bless You* (George Van Grieken)
17. *Lord, You Are My Shepherd* (Ephrem Feeley)

Acclamations: Sing the Mass Collection