



November Moment – Liturgy



These resources could be used to build a Liturgy of the Word or a Liturgy of the Eucharist. They are design 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 classrooms.

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 coordinated by the religious education 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: Book of Wisdom (3:1–9)

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

But the souls of the upright are in the hands of God, and no torment can touch them. To the unenlightened, they appeared to die, their departure was regarded as a disaster, their leaving us like annihilation; but they are at peace. If, as it seemed to us, they suffered punishment, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their correction, great will their blessings be. God was putting them to the test and has proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace and accepted them as a perfect burnt offering. At their time of visitation, they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They will judge nations, rule over peoples, and their Lord will be king forever. Those who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; and grace and mercy await his holy ones, and he intervenes on behalf of his chosen.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.





Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. *(Response)*
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. *(Response)*
3. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil shall I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *(Response)*
4. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *(Response)*
5. Goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *(Response)*

Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13–18)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.





Gospel Reading: *Gospel of John (6:37–40)*

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me; I will certainly not reject anyone who comes to me, because I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of him who sent me. Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, but that I should raise it up on the last day. It is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and that I should raise that person up on the last day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

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 or say aloud the names of the person 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 and Stuart Townsend, from *Feasts & Seasons 2*)
6. O God, You Search Me (Bernadette Farrell)
7. The Souls of the Just Ones (Ronan McDonagh)
8. Jesus, Remember Me (Taize)
9. Mass settings – (*Sing the Mass*)
10. Irish Mass settings (*Canaimis*)

