

Liturgy of the Word

This liturgy may be celebrated at the parish with a family grieving the loss of a child by miscarriage. A hymn may be added at the beginning or the end if the family desires. The litany of saints may be adapted to include a patron saint or one or more which the family has a special devotion. Personalize according to the circumstances and needs of the family.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
we welcome you to the house of God.

May he grant you his consolation and strength;
may our prayers help you accept his will,
and to bless his holy name.

1st Reading: Eph 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 113

Response is **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the
Lord!

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Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because
you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed
them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son
except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom
the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give
you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

Intercessions

Response is **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

May the Father of mercies comfort you, with peace, we pray...

May the God of hope, who raised Jesus from the dead, strengthen and raise your
spirits, we pray...

May Christ who was born a little child, embrace all who have lost a child, we
pray...

May the Virgin Mary, who stood at the foot of her Son's cross, help all who
grieve the loss of a baby with strength and consolation, we pray...

May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, now care for Francis in heaven, we
pray...

May the saints surround Francis as many brothers and sisters in Christ, we
pray...

Litany of the saints

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Saint Michael,
Holy angels of God,

pray for us.

Abraham, Moses and Elijah,
Saint Joachim and Saint Anne,
Saint Joseph,
Saint John the Baptist,

pray for us.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,
Saint Andrew,
Saint John,
Saint Mary Magdalene,

pray for us.

Saint Stephen,
Saint Ignatius,
Saint Lawrence,
Saint John de Brebeouf and the Holy Canadian Martyrs,
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,
Saint Agnes,

pray for us.

Saint Gregory,
Saint Augustine,
Saint Athanasius,
Saint Basil,
Saint Catherine of Sienna,
Saint Teresa of Avila,
Saint Martin,
Blessed Francois de Laval,

pray for us.

Saint Benedict,
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,
Saint Francis Xavier,
Saint Frances of Rome,
Saint John Vianney,
Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys,
Saint Marguerite d'Youville,

pray for us.

Saint Monica,
Saint Louis,
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,
All holy men and women,

pray for us.

Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer

God of mercy and consolation,
you are the Lord of the living and the dead:
in you alone is found all life and meaning.
Hear our cry this day
as we turn to you in our time of sorrow and loss.
We pray for these parents
who have lost the love of their life:
their dreams and hopes for the future.
Fill their wounded hearts with consolation
and heal their spirits.
Receive the soul of the their child
into your kingdom of happiness and peace
to grow and mature in your presence.
For us who remain on earth,
receive our tears as a sign of our love
and give us the strength and courage
to believe that you will bring goodness
out of every situation.

Final Blessing

May God, the Father of all consolation,
be with you in your sorrow,
and give you his light and his peace.

Amen!

May Jesus Christ his son
who suffered and died for us all,
raise you from sorrow and grief.

Amen!

May the Holy Spirit be with you,
to grant you encouragement in your lives,
and strength to accept the will of God.

Amen!

And may our all-merciful God
Father Son and Holy Spirit
bless us all and keep us in his love forever.

Amen!