

## SUNDAY ASSEMBLY OF WORD AND COMMUNION

### RESTRICTIONS ON PLACES OF WORSHIP DURING COVID-19

Places of worship are able to open with the following current provisions about distance between people, signage, hygiene and cleaning, as well as keeping a record of attendees. This record of attendees applies for any gatherings in your parish.

#### **COVIDSafe update from May 28, 2021:**

- Changes will apply for spaces that are 400 sqm or below (larger spaces still need to observe density limits). Venues can have up to 200 people per space without any density limit, provided COVID marshals are on site ensuring all patrons are checking in to each space.
- All venues and businesses required to undertake electronic record keeping must use the Victorian Government QR Code Service through the Service Victoria app. This is convenient for Victorians and gives contact tracers access to the best data quickly. The public health advice is clear: in order to ease density quotients at venues, compliance with electronic record keeping among businesses and Victorians has to increase. Moving to a single QR code service through the Service Victoria app will increase compliance and allow restrictions to continue to ease in line with public health advice.
- Parishes who are currently using a QR code that had previously been approved, but is not the Victoria government's code, must change to the Victorian government's QR code. For instructions on how to switch go to [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/qrcode](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/qrcode)
- Venues must make reasonable efforts to ensure that visitors can use a compliant recordkeeping system even where a visitor cannot access the system on their own device (eg. they do not have a mobile phone). This could include making a terminal (eg. an iPad) available for people to sign in. In exceptional circumstances where such an approach is not practicable, an alternative record keeping approach (including a non-electronic approach) can be used as a back-up.

#### **Religious gatherings information:**

- All venues must apply the two square metre rule.
- Allow a reasonable time between events to allow for cleaning between each service.
- Cleaning by wiping with disinfectant:
  - Frequently touched surfaces (at least twice/day).
  - Whenever a surface is visibly soiled.
- Holy water fonts are to be emptied or removed. At the Sign of Peace, the practice of shaking hands has ceased. During this time the congregation will be asked to pray for peace.
- The distribution of Holy Communion will be in the hand only and not on the tongue. There will be no distribution of the chalice.
- All ministers of Holy Communion (both ordinary and extraordinary) are to use hand sanitiser before the distribution of Holy Communion commences and are not to physically touch anyone in the act of blessing.
- Religious gatherings, wedding and funerals can be held indoors or outdoors. There are no group limits and ceremonies can occur at the same time. Places of worship are open for private worship, for example individual prayer.
- If you are planning to leave your home – take a face mask. It is recommended you wear a face mask when at a gathering or when you cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people.

Updates are available from <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony#are-places-of-worship-open>

# YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

## THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B 2021

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### GATHERING HYMN

*Stand*

*Quiet music is played while people assemble and/or a gathering hymn is sung.  
The Leaders move to the front when the Assembly is to begin.*

#### GREETING

*All make the sign of the cross.*

Leader 1: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

*The Leader addresses the people.*

Leader 1: Blessed be God the Father,  
who has sanctified and justified us,  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and in the Spirit of our God.  
Bless the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God forever.

#### WELCOME

Leader 2: We assemble today on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity  
as the Catholic community of .....  
to hear the Word, receive Communion and offer praise to God.

We look forward to that day  
when we will again celebrate the Eucharist,  
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.  
Our community worships in union with the whole Church,  
with Francis our Pope, Paul our Bishop  
and our sisters and brothers in this parish  
and throughout the diocese,  
who keep holy this day with the celebration  
of the Lord's sacrifice and supper.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Leader 1: We are gathered here in the unity of our faith. As we begin our praise of God, let us not forget that we have sinned against the Lord and against one another.

*Brief pause for silent prayer.*

Leader 1: Lord Jesus, you are our saviour and brother:  
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader 1: Christ Jesus, your Spirit is with us always: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader 1: Lord Jesus, you have been given all authority  
on heaven and earth from the Father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader 1: May almighty God have mercy on us all, forgive us our many sins,  
and bring us home to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

## GLORIA

*The Gloria should be used on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.*

Leader 2: With people everywhere, let us glorify our God in joyful praise:  
Glory to God in the highest,

All: and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Leader 1: Let us pray to the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
that our lives may bear witness to our faith.

*Brief pause for silent prayer.*

God our Father,  
you revealed the wonderful mystery of the Godhead  
by sending into the world  
the Word who speaks all truth  
and the Spirit who makes us holy.

Grant that we may proclaim the fullness of faith  
by acknowledging and worshipping  
three persons, eternal in glory,  
one God of majesty and power.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:** *Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40*

*Sit*

*A period of silence, about one or two minutes, is recommended at the conclusion of each reading.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**SECOND READING:** *Romans 8:14-17*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Stand*

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
To God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 28:16-20*

*One of the Leaders goes to the lectern.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*The Leader makes the sign of the cross on the book, then on forehead, lips and breast.*

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end of the Gospel:*

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **SHARED REFLECTION**

*Sit*

- *A shared reflection explaining the meaning which these readings had for their original hearers, and indicating how these readings apply to this particular community, should now be given.*
- *The shared reflection may be led by one of the Leaders or another person from the Assembly.*
- *The reflection must be prepared beforehand and should be a sharing of what the scripture is saying to us today, rather than a 'sermon type' presentation.*
- *The reflection should only be of 3-5 minutes duration.*

*\* If this is not done, the following should be said:*

Leader: Let us now reflect in silence on the words of the Gospel and take them to our hearts.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Stand*

Leader 2: Sisters and brothers, let us now stand and reaffirm our faith, the faith of the Church:

*Allow time for the Assembly to stand then say:*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, **(all bow)**  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried,  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The people are invited to pray; after the Prayers of the Faithful, the concluding prayer is said.*

*It is desirable that the individual prayers be given by someone **other** than the Leader.*

### Invitation to Prayer:

Leader 1: My sisters and brothers,  
on this Feast of the Most Holy Trinity  
let us place our needs and the needs of  
our world before our loving God.

*Prayers of the Faithful as prepared by the community. It is recommended that a petition for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life be included in the prayers and a petition for the Plenary Council.*

*Praying with Pope Francis: Each month Pope Francis puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service.*

**May universal intention for evangelisation - the world of finance:** Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### Concluding Prayer:

Leader 1: Loving God,  
hear the prayers of your people.  
Give us what you have inspired us to ask you for in faith.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## COLLECTION

*Sit*

Leader 2: Please be seated as we now take up the collection,  
which is part of our contribution to the life and work of the Church.

*As the collection is taken up the following is prayed:*

Leader 2: As we now give our offering to the Church,  
let us be mindful that such has been the tradition of believers  
since time began:  
Abel gave the first and best of his labours;  
Abraham gave a tithe to Melchisedek,  
royal priest of Jerusalem:  
Jesus praised the widow for her gracious sharing of goods;  
St Paul collected for the poor,  
and counselled the faithful to show their faith in God's generosity  
by being generous to others.

We make this offering  
to come to the aid of those who are in need,  
to help spread the Good News of Jesus,  
and to continue the good works of our parish and diocese.

*The offerings are brought forward. The Leader prays in these or similar words as the collection is placed at the foot of the altar.*

Leader 2: Loving God, we give from our hearts,  
in the name of Jesus, your Son,  
who calls us into unity by the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
who lives and reigns with you, Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

*After leaving the offerings in the accustomed place, the ushers return to their place in the Assembly.*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Stand*

Leader 1: We are gathered here today as the People of God.  
Let us now stand and give thanks and praise to the God who dwells with us.

*Allow time for people to stand.*

All: Rejoice, O people of God:  
The true Light is present among us.  
Let us live in the light.

Leader 1: We thank you,  
O wondrous creator.  
Your power lifts the great light  
to the heavens.

All: Rejoice, O people of God:  
The true Light is present among us.  
Let us live in the light.

Leader 2: Your glory shines forth  
in the risen Son.  
Your majesty lies over  
all of creation.

All: Rejoice, O people of God:  
The true Light is present among us.  
Let us live in the light.

Leader 1: Your splendour clothes us  
with dignity and honour.  
Your goodness overcomes  
any weakness.

All: Rejoice, O people of God:  
The true Light is present among us.  
Let us live in the light.

Leader 2: Your bounty satisfies  
all hunger.  
Your grace proclaims  
our destiny.

All: Rejoice, O people of God:  
The true Light is present among us.  
Let us live in the light.

Leader 1: Rejoice, O holy people,  
in this great light.  
It is our sure salvation  
and glorious freedom.

All: Rejoice, O people of God:  
The true Light is present among us.  
Let us live in the light.

Leader 2: As we celebrate this festival  
in honour of God's splendour,  
guard us from all division.  
Keep us safe in this Light that never fades.  
We praise and thank you for your blessings,  
through Christ our Light  
forever and ever.

All: Amen.



## **COMMUNION RITE**

*The Rite of Communion begins with the Lord's Prayer.*

Leader 1: Jesus invites us to call on his Father's name:  
Filled with trust in Jesus' power, we pray in his own words:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

### **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Leader 2: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader 2: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Leader 2: In the name of Christ, let us pray for peace.

*If Communion is to be given, at the conclusion of the Prayer for Peace, the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion moves to the table and cleanses her/his hands with sanitiser. She/he then goes to the tabernacle, opens it and removes the ciborium with hosts, leaves the lid at the tabernacle and moves to stand behind the Leaders.*

### **ADMONITION TO UNITY**

*Kneel*

Leader 1: We are now invited to share in Holy Communion  
in the Body of the Lord.

We are part of the universal Church:  
All across the world on this day of the Lord,  
Christ's saving passover to the Father  
is being recalled and made present.  
We are in union with the whole Church.  
We are in union with our Bishop, Paul Bird,  
and our parish community.  
Let us be one in mind and heart,  
in prayer and service, now and always.

## RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion brings the Eucharist to the front of the Sanctuary, and taking the host, raises it for all to see, saying aloud:*

Extraordinary Minister:

Behold the Lamb of God.  
Behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion holds the host in the view of each person and says:*

The Body of Christ.

*The communicant answers:*

Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG

## COMMUNION REFLECTION or PERIOD OF SILENCE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Stand*

*The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion leads the Prayer after Communion.*

Extraordinary Minister:

Let us pray.

*Brief pause for silent prayer.*

All powerful God,  
you renew us with your sacraments.  
Help us to thank you by lives of faithful service.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

All: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

*If there are announcements of note, this is the proper time for them to be made. In general, those who want announcements made should be invited to come forward at this point and make the announcements. People should then be invited to stand if they have been seated for announcements.*

### **GREETING**

Leader 2: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader 2: Let us bow our heads in silence and ask God to bless us.

*Brief pause for silent prayer.*

Leader 2: May the love of the Father enfold us,  
the wisdom of the Son enlighten us,  
and the fire of the Spirit animate us;  
and remain with us always.

All: Amen.

*All make the sign of the cross.*

## **BLESSING**

Leader 1: May almighty God bless us,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

Leader 1: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Leaders bow to the altar and return to their places in the Assembly.*

## **FINAL HYMN**

*An appropriate final hymn is sung.*

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