

SUNDAY ASSEMBLY OF WORD AND COMMUNION

RESTRICTIONS ON PLACES OF WORSHIP DURING COVID-19

- Checking-in is no longer required.
- Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. They are strongly recommended if people have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.
- Communal equipment should not be shared by attendees.
- Holy water fonts are to be emptied or removed.
- At the Sign of Peace, the practice of shaking hands is not recommended. During this time the congregation will be asked to pray for peace or show some other sign of 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.

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THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C 2022

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 Jesus, who made us one
to give glory to our God and Father
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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 lead us to the complete truth:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader 1: Lord Jesus, you fill your people with love:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader 1: Lord Jesus, you are God with the Father and Spirit:
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 Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.

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.

O God, your name is veiled in mystery,
yet we dare to call you Father;
Your Son was begotten before all ages,
yet is born among us in time;
your holy spirit fills the whole creation,
yet is poured forth now into our hearts.

Because you have made us and loved us
and called us by name,
draw us more deeply into your divine life,
that we may glorify you rightly, through your Son,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

***The Readings and the Responsorial Psalm will be the Readings of the Sunday
found in the Lectionary for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity – Year C.***

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:22-31

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

Response: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Stand

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

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 John.

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 as prepared by the community. It is recommended that a petition for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life be included in the prayers.

- **Prayer for the Second Session of the Plenary Council:** *In these months leading up to the Second Assembly, we pray that we may have the courage to speak boldly and the ability to listen humbly with hearts open to where the Spirit is leading our Church in Australia.*
- **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.*

June: *For families: We pray for Christian families around the world. May they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.*

- **Prayer for the Synod of Bishops “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”:** *We pray that the Synod of Bishops journey encourages people to speak with courage integrating freedom, truth and love.*

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: God reveals great power! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader 1: I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the righteous and the assembly.
Great are the deeds of the Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.

All: God reveals great power! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader 2: God's work is majesty and splendour,
and justice stands forever.
A memorial God has made of these wonders;
gracious and merciful is the Lord.

All: God reveals great power! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader 1: God has given food to those who show reverence,
remembering the covenant forever.
God has revealed to the people the power of these deeds
in giving them the nations for their heritage.

All: God reveals great power! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader 2: The deeds of God's hands are truth and justice;
the precepts of God all are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever,
wrought in truth and equity.

All: God reveals great power! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader 1: God has sent deliverance to his people,
appointing the covenant forever;
holy and to be revered is God's name.

All: God reveals great power! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader 2: The beginning of wisdom is reverence for the Lord,
and its practice brings about clear understanding.
The praise of God stands forever!

All: God reveals great power! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

This prayer should be led by the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion as a conclusion to the Reception of Communion.

Extraordinary Minister:

Let us pray.

Brief pause for silent prayer.

Lord God,
we worship you
a Trinity of persons, one eternal God.
Grant that the sacrament we have received
and the faith we profess
may bring wholeness of mind and body.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL

All: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
You have given us life and light
and all the wonders of the world.
You have sent your Son Jesus
to be our Saviour
and your Holy Spirit to be our guide.

As we prepare for the plenary council,
we ask you to come into our hearts
with your Son and Holy Spirit.
Come to us and make your home in us.

We pray for our local community,
for the people of our diocese
and for the Church throughout Australia.

May your wisdom show us the way,
for your word is a lamp for our feet
and a light for our path.

Come and fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in us the fire of your love,
that we may live by your gospel
and share your good news with all we meet.

Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

CONCLUDING RITE

If there are announcements of note, this is the proper time for them to be made. If there is to be special hospitality following the liturgy, the Leader will extend an invitation to all. 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.

BLESSING

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

Brief pause for silent prayer.

Leader 2: May the creator bless us.

All: Amen.

Leader 2: May the Son protect us.

All: Amen.

Leader 2: May the Spirit love us.

All: Amen.

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader 2: May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader 2: 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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