

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.

Updates are available from <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/covidsafe-religion-https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live>

ALL SAINTS – YEAR C 2022

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING HYMN

Stand

A hymn expressing the unity of the community which is a song of praise, is sung as the first act of worship of the Assembly.

The Leaders move to the front as the hymn is ending.

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: Gracious God,
you have raised up holy men and women
from all corners of the earth
to aid us in our weakness.
May your saints inspire us
to lead us to life everlasting.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

WELCOME

Leader 2: On this Feast Day of All Saints,
we assemble as the Catholic community of
in the parish ofto hear the Word,
receive communion and offer praise to God.
As we gather in the absence of a priest,
we are assured of our inclusion in the prayers
of our diocesan community
who are able to celebrate the Eucharist on this day.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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 came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader 1: Christ Jesus, you come in word and Spirit to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader 1: Lord Jesus, you come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

GLORIA: *The Gloria should be used on All Saints Day*

Leader 2: On this Feast of All Saints, we join together in praise of God,
whom they loved so well, and pray:

All: Glory to God in the highest,
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.

All: 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 that the prayers of all the Saints will bring us forgiveness for our sins.

Brief pause for silent prayer.

All Holy and eternal God,
you call your people to holiness.
As we keep the festival of your saints,
give us their meekness and poverty of spirit,
a thirst for righteousness,
and purity of heart.
May we share with them the richness of your kingdom
and be clothed in the glory you bestow.

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

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Apocalypse (Revelation) 7:2-4, 9-14 *Sit*

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! *Stand*
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

One of the Leaders goes to the lectern.

Lector: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lector: 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:

Lector: 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 APOSTLE'S CREED

Stand

Leader 2: Let us now stand and profess our shared faith:

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.

All: 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,
as followers of Jesus, let us call confidently upon God
and beg the intercession of the Saints to help us in every need.

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.

- **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.

November – For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. Lord, hear us.

- **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. Lord, hear us.

Concluding Prayer:

Leader 1: Loving God,
hear the prayers of your people which we commend to you
through the intercession of the Saints who we remember today,
who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Leader 2: We have heard the Word of God and responded in faith.
Let us now stand and give thanks and praise to the God
who has called us to be His people.

Allow time for people to stand.

All: You are God: We praise you;
You are the Lord: We acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

Leader 2: To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

All: You are God: We praise you;
You are the Lord: We acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

Leader 2: The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

All: You are God: We praise you;
You are the Lord: We acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

Leader 2: Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

All: You are God: We praise you;
You are the Lord: We acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

Leader 2: You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

All: You are God: We praise you;
You are the Lord: We acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

Leader 2: You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come
and bring us with your saints, to glory everlasting.

All: You are God: We praise you;
You are the Lord: We acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

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.

Allow time for all to kneel.

We are part of the universal Church
and 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 sins 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.

Gracious God,
source of all holiness,
your work is manifest in the saints
and the beauty of your truth is reflected in their faith:
May we who aspire to have part in their joy
be filled with the Spirit that blessed their lives,
so that having shared their faith on earth
we may also know their peace in your heavenly court.
Grant this through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

All: We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

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

Stand

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 God, the creator of all that is good and source of all holiness,
bless us and keep us.

All: Amen.

Leader 2: May Jesus Christ, the revelation of God's love,
graciously smile upon us.

All: Amen.

Leader 2: May the Holy Spirit,
the presence of the Risen Christ in the holy people of God,
grant us peace.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

All make the sign of the cross.

Leader 1: And may God bless us,
In the name of 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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