

RECOGNITION & INSTALLATION OF THOSE WHO WORK IN LITURGY

INTRODUCTION

The readings and prayers for the Sunday should be used. The following should be observed as appropriate.

In the following or similar words, the presider briefly addresses those present, in order to introduce the celebration.

Today in our Archdiocese we celebrate those who serve in the area of Liturgy.

The liturgy is at the heart of our faith: it is where God's people gather to listen to His Word, to offer prayer and thanksgiving, and above all, to share in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life. In the liturgy, Christ is present among us, and the Holy Spirit unites us as one Body.

This great gift of worship is sustained in our parishes through the service of many people: *[here the priest may name parish ministries, such as lectors, altar servers, musicians, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, etc]*. Their commitment helps our community to pray well and to experience more deeply the mystery of God's love.

Liturgy is one of the four Pastoral Priorities of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. It calls us to enter fully, consciously, and actively into the worship of the Church, so that our lives may be transformed and we may go forth to live the Gospel.

Today we give thanks for the gift of the liturgy in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese, and we ask God's blessing on all who serve in this ministry.

The penitential rite continues as usual. On a Sunday, the Glory to God follows, except during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

COLLECT

The Collect is taken from the Mass of the day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings are taken from the liturgy of the day.

HOMILY

In the homily, the presider relates the readings to the mystery of Christ being celebrated and, as circumstances require, may give a brief explanation of the ministries in the Parish.

This would be an ideal occasion to preach on the pastoral priority of Liturgy and how it is being experienced and lived out in the local parish.

RECOGNITION

After the homily, the presider says:

Let those who work in Liturgical Ministries please come forward.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

The presider says:

Let us pray.

All pray silently for a while.

Then the presider extends his hands and continues:

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of the universe: You have called us to serve you and praise you in the family of your Church.

Look with mercy on these men and women who generously give their talent and time so that they may offer you fitting worship and praise.

Bless + and strengthen them this day

So that they may worship you with their whole hearts.
Be with them in their ministry,
And guide them with the light of your spirit.
Deepen the faith and love of your Church,
and bring us to share in your unending worship in heaven.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

PRESENTATION

The presider may present a symbol or tool for ministry to those who have been commissioned. These or similar words may be used individually or for the entire group.

N., receive this _____, which symbolizes your ministry.
Help our parish community
to worthily praise and worship the Lord at all time.

They respond:

Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

All return to their places and the Universal Prayer follows.

Some or all of the following prayers should be used and may be adapted according to the circumstances of the parish.

1. For our Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, that the Eucharist, source and summit of our Christian life, may be at the heart of every parish, renewing us in faith, hope, and charity.
2. For our parish community, that we may grow in our identity as a people of faith, united in prayer and service, and become a living witness of God's presence in our community.

The celebration of the Eucharist continues as usual. It is appropriate for some of the catechists to present the gifts of bread and wine for the celebration.