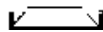
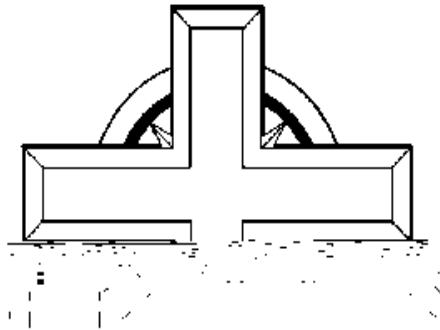


Section 8

LITURGY



"I tell you if two of you on earth agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three people are gathered in my name, I am there

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Matthew 18:19-20

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Step 1: The Collect Prayer

The format of a Collect prayer is always the same. It looks like:

**You
Who
Do
Through**

Consider an example that could be used before a council meeting about school discipline and student conduct:

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<i>Who gave us commandments and beatitudes for our moral guidance,</i>	2. Who
<i>Be with us today, and help us to discern which laws and guidelines best serve our community.</i>	3. Do.
<i>K Y`Ug_`h]g`h`fci [\ `7\`f]gž`ci f`@fX`í` I5a Ybí</i>	4. Through

1. **You:**
Call God (or Jesus) by a title or descriptor that reflects that aspect of God that you would like to call forth. Here we would like to focus on justice. In the case of a memorial we

2. **Who:**
This is the tricky one. Recall a time in scripture where God (or Jesus) acted in a way similar to what you would like to ask for today. In our example, we knew we wanted to talk about rules and laws, so we recalled 2 times where God spoke about these things- the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. Once again, if we were in a memorial setting, we might talk about the time when Jesus consoled the sisters of Lazarus, or when he

3. ***Do:***
This is the easiest one (and might be the one you want to think of first!) Ask God to be active in your gathering in some specific way. In our example we have asked God to help us discern. But in a different setting we might have asked God to give us comfort, or open our hearts to new learning, or even to strengthen us for tough times ahead.

4. ***Through:***
Finally, we conclude our prayer with an acclamation of intercession. In the example, we

more comfortable asking for the i

this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of Holy Spirit, one God forever

The idea of a Collect prayer however is that it can be done quickly and spontaneously, even on

Step 2: Reading of the Day

Every day of the year, the Church offers us a set of readings. These readings are the same throughout the world Church. Regardless of where you are, and in what language you are

Step 6: Summary or Concluding Prayer

In no more than one or two phrases, the presider (namely you!) should offer a short summary of the key aspects of the liturgy. Although this does involve thinking on your feet a bit, there should be a lot to choose from. You have heard scripture, you have heard some reflections, some petitions, and you still have your meeting to get to. The key phrase that you want to include here

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to offer a public Thank-you for the gift of your gathered community and the work that they do.

Step 7: Sign of Peace

Why not conclude with a physical gesture of goodwill? It may take a few moments to bring the group back to order, but in the interest of building up fellowship and morale, it may be a risk worth taking.

Let us now conclude with a summary of the key points. Once you get used to this format, all you will need to remember to bring is the reading of the day. The rest will emerge naturally from the flow of the liturgy. Best of luck in your ministry.

- 1. Collect (*You, Who, Do, Through*)**
- 2. Reading of the Day**
- 3. Work of the People**
- 4. Petitions**
- 5. Our Father**
- 6. Concluding Prayer**
- 7. Sign of Peace**

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recognizing Spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot

Spirit of God, you are stirring in our hearts. You urge us to move forward in new ways. You prompt us to follow. You encourage us not to give up. You call us to open our minds and our hearts to receive your energizing transforming radiance. Make us receptive so that we will follow your loving movement within our lives. We trust in your powerful presence within us. Amen.

From the Book: May I Have This Dance, by Joyce Rupp)

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PRAYERS FOR SEASONS AND OCCASIONS

Advent Reflection: Persons are Gifts

Persons are
to be where I am e said.

they are very attractive when we first see them. Some come in very ordinary wrapping paper. Others have been mishandled in the mail. Once in a while stamped on some. Some persons are gifts which come very loosely wrapped; others, very tightly.

But the wrapping is not the gift!

Sometimes the gift is very easy to open up. Sometimes we need others to help. Is it because they are afraid? Maybe they have been opened up before and thrown away. We are all persons.

Therefore we are all a gift too. A gift to yourself first of all. The Father gave you to you. Have

you are. Could it be there is something else inside the wrappings than what you think there is?

but beautiful? We love the gifts which those who love us give to us. Why not this gift from the Father?

And we are gifts to other persons. Are we willing to be given by the Father to others? A

enjoy the gift? Every meeting of persons is an exchange of gifts.

Friendship is a

yourself, possess them then you destroy his chances of being a gift to others. If you save a life for only yourself, you lose it, but if you lose it for others then you save it.

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response of persons gifts to the Father. Friendship is Eucharist!

(Author Unknown)

Holy Week
(Isaiah 53 in the present tense)

Who can believe what we hear?
And who can see the hand of God in this?

As a child he grew up before us
Like a young plant in dry ground,
Small and insignificant.
He has no dignity or handsomeness to make us take notice of him,
No beauty that attracts us to him
He is a simple and ordinary man.

And yet we despise him and reject him, he lives a life of sorrow, and grief;

We hate him,
And we ignore him
As if he were nothing.
And yet it is our grief he carries and our sorrow he bears;
And though we blame him for his pain,

It is because of our sinfulness that he is wounded,
He is beaten because of the evil in our own hearts.
But the punishment he is suffering is for our sake
And our healing is through his wounds.

We are all like sheep, stupid and lost,
Each of us looking out only for ourselves.
But the consequence of this is on him,
Even though we are the ones who deserve it.

His treatment is harsh,
But he accepts it and never complains.
He is arrested and sentenced to death.
But he dies for the sins of everyone.
And even though his is placed among criminals
He himself never committed a crime
Or told a lie.

And because he accepts this, God will lift him up.

(Author Unknown)

God Will Wait

God will wait as long as it takes for us.
(Rev. R. Walters)

Scripture tells us that God loves us. We are loved. Regardless of all the painful experiences we may have had that convinced us love never lasts, or that love may be fine for others but it just we are told God loves us.

There is a familiar parable about the lost sheep and the steadfast love of the shepherd who did not simply write it off as the cost of doing business. The shepherd searched diligently until the lost sheep was found. No mention is made of scolding, abuse, or punishment simply the

We are as loved as that lost sheep; and, at times, we are as lost. It is important to remember that; at times when we feel lost, or worthless, or down; that whether we feel worth it or not, the love of God, shaped patiently, faithfully searches us out. We cannot o

(From: Days of Healing Days of Joy: Daily Meditations for Adult Children. By Earnest Larsen, Carol Hegarty)

Liturgy

Prayer of Learners

Father of Light and Wisdom
Thank you for giving me
A mind that can know,
And a heart that can love.
Help me to keep learning every day of my life
No matter what the lesson may be.
Let me be convinced that all knowledge leads to You
And let me know how to find You and love You
In all the things You have made.

Encourage me when I find the learning difficult
And I am tempted to give up
Enlighten me when my mind seems slow
And help me to grasp the truth held out to me.
Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use
In building the kingdom of God on earth
So that one day I may worthily enter the kingdom of God in heaven.

(By Charles Henderson)

A Precious Legacy of Memories

I rejoice in the life you lived,
Grateful for having shared it with you.
I loved you
And was loved by you
We shared so much
So many memorable times

How much sadder it would have been

Even though you are gone,
You will always be a part of me.

May You Live all the Days of your Life

(-Jonathan Swift)

like a game. Both a serious one and one that demands laughter, relaxation, and the ability to play. Either way it demands attention.

There is much of life that is truly exciting and fascinating are we watching for it? There is hilarity and humor do we see it? There is that in life which is touching and full of heroism are we open to experiencing it?

These are not general nebulous truths about life, but concrete realities about our lives. Right here where we live, in our lives today, there will be the hero and the goat, there will be disappointment and reason for celebration, there will be the beautiful and the horrible. The soap opera is not out there; it is right here with us, in us, all around us. The task is to be present in our own lives, to get our heads out of the fictitious world of movies and television and books and to find the enormous meaning and vitality of our own lives.

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Native American Call to Prayer

O Great Spirit,
Whose Breath gives life to the world
And whose voice is heard in the soft breeze
We need Your strength and wisdom
May we walk in beauty. May our eyes
Ever behold the red and purple sunset
Make us wise so that we may understand
What You have taught us
Help us learn the lessons You have hidden
In every leaf and rock
Make us always ready to come to You

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console

The Samaritan Prayer

Lord, my God,
You may have missed me today,
Since I did not have time to kneel and pray.
I did pray, my Lord,
But not the usual prayer of my day.
Instead, I prayed the prayer of the Samaritan.

You see, my Lord,
My neighbor was in need;
I saw the trouble, heard the cry for help.

I heard a call to prayer
And could not pass by.
For in the midst of the difficulty,
I felt Your Sacred presence.
I tasted the flavor of communion
In all that happened between us.
So my Lord,
While absent from formal prayer,
I was present
To You and to my neighbor,
In this my Samaritan prayer.
While I was unable to say my prayers,
I thank you for the gift of being prayer.
May all the spoken prayers of my life
Prepare me to be always ready
To pray the helping prayer
And provide me with the grace
To be the Emmanuel prayer.

Blessed are You, Lord our God,
Who gifts us with the opportunities
To pray the Samaritan prayer
Of compassionate concern.

Amen.

(By Edward Hays)

Take time for what is important to you, what makes you the happiest.
Take time to be with those you love, sharing wishes and secret dreams.
Take time to look around you at all the gladness the world offers.
All of it is yours, if only you take the time.

Lord, we often find ourselves getting wrapped up in our busy schedules and rule by deadlines and time clocks. However, through all of this confusion, may we realize that the beauty of the world and those around us will pass us by, unless we make the effort and take time to enjoy them. In the same way, Lord, you always have time for us, but we will never quite know You until we take the time to let You into our hearts.

Take Time for 10 Things

Take time to work
It is the price of success

Take time to think
It is the source of power

Take time to play
It is the secret of youth

Take time to read
It is the foundation of knowledge

Take time to worship
It is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of the earth from our eyes.

Take time to help and enjoy friends

The Cross in my Pocket