

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES



PRESIDER:

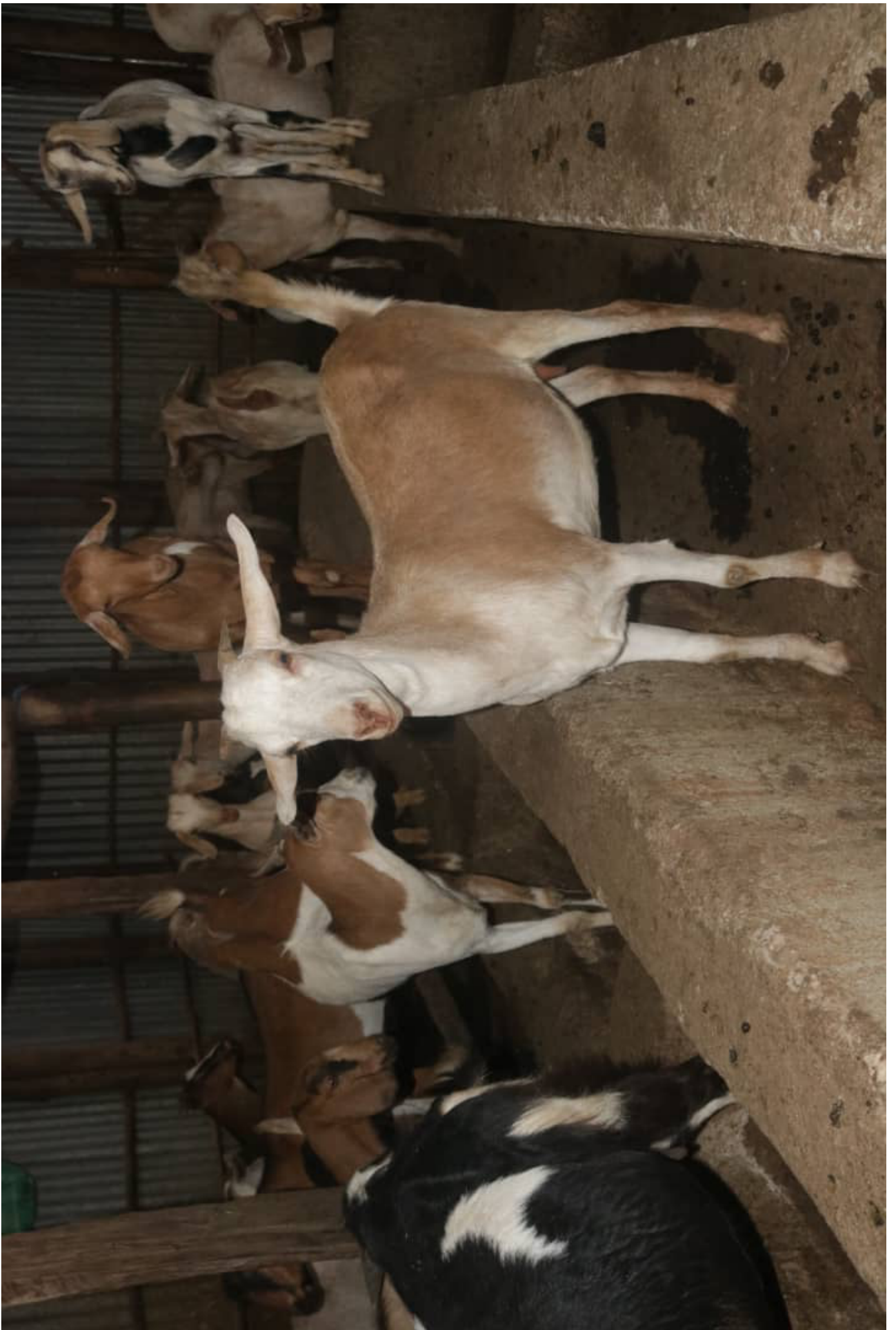
VENUE:

TIME:

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Checklist of items and personnel required for this Liturgy:

ITEMS	PERSONNEL
Coloured fabric and boxes for a focus space.	Student to tap clapping sticks
Clapping sticks	Student 1
A bowl of coffee beans	Student 2
Laminated photo of a goat on the focus space. (see below)	Presider
Laminated photo of the Ethiopian flag. (see below)	Student to place photo of the goat
A container of soil	Student to place photo of the flag
A book	Student to place a container of soil
A lit candle	Student to place a book
Book holders to support laminated photos	Student to place lit candle
Catholic Mission PowerPoint resource	First reader – Acts of the Apostles
Computer	Prayers of Intercession 1
	Prayers of Intercession 2
	Prayers of Intercession 3
q	Prayers of Intercession 4
	Prayers of Intercession 5
q	Students to carry gifts
	Altar servers
q	Computer operator





GATHERING

Acknowledgement of Country

— Please remain seated.

The clapping sticks sound at the door of the church and continue to sound as they are processed through the church to the front. The clapping sticks fall silent and the person playing them moves aside. Once silence has fallen students 1 and 2 move to the lectern.

Introducing Ethiopia

Student 1: Welcome to our liturgy for World Mission Month: “You will be my witnesses...” Our focus country is Ethiopia, where the Church seeks to provide life-fulfilling opportunities for children in need. Let us create a focus space.

Student 2: Ethiopia is Africa's oldest country and is where the coffee bean originated. We place a bowl of coffee beans.

A bowl of coffee beans are placed on the focus space.

Student 1: Our work with people in Emdibir support a goat breeding program to provide income and nutrition. We place an image of a goat.

The image is placed on the focus space.

Student 2: The national flag contains a yellow star representing unity. We place an image of the flag.

The image is placed on the focus space.

Student 1: The Tukul is a round, thatched Ethiopian house that is built using straw and mud. It is commonly seen in rural communities. We place a container of soil, a source of sustenance and shelter.

A container of soil is placed on the focus space.

Student 2: At Lideta Catholic Cathedral School education is available to students from all walks of life through the scholarship program which provides support to children from families who cannot afford to attend school. We place a book to represent the possibilities that education provides.

A book is placed on the focus space.

Student 1: In Ethiopia, the people we support are witnesses to the mission of Jesus as they are empowered, through these projects, to live life to the full. We place a candle to reflect the light of Christ.

A lit candle is placed on the focus space.

Student 1: That we may be informed of the good work of the Church in Ethiopia, let us watch a video presentation prepared by Catholic Mission.

The Catholic Mission video is played.

Student 2: Please stand for our gathering hymn.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Hymn

Please stand

Hearts On Fire - Michael Mangan

We come from ancient dreamtime
From the bush, or by the sea.
We come from a thousand city streets.
We are the rich and lowly,
We are the poor and strong.
We come to share this moment,
Gathering here, singing one song.

Chorus

WITH OUR HEARTS ON FIRE
WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS.
HEARTS ON FIRE, LET'S SPREAD THE WORD.
HEARTS ON FIRE, FEEL THE SPIRIT BLAZING.
HEARTS ON FIRE,
CALLED TO LIVE THE GOODNEWS
IN THIS LAND.
SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE,
WITH OUR HEARTS ON FIRE,
SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE.

We long to live in freedom,
we yearn for unity.
We dream of justice, joy and peace.
Spirit fill us with your power.
Jesus help us live your call.
O Creator give us wisdom,
So we will be Good News for all.

Chorus

We are the voice of Jesus
We are his heart and hands
We are his body in our land
Stand up! Live the story
To all the world proclaim
Go out to all creation
Lighting the fire, fanning the flames

Chorus

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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Presider: We gather as a community to be nourished by Christ in the Word proclaimed and the bread broken and given to us as food for life.

We gather as followers of Jesus called to life and mission.

We gather ... In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Presider: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You came to call sinners. Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Slight pause

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us
Forgive us our sins.
And bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Slight pause before proceeding.

Collect

Presider: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our action according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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.

Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:6-8)

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pause in silence for personal reflection on the reading.

Responsorial Psalm - Sung

I Am Wonderfully Made - Richard Cootes

I PRAISE YOU. I THANK YOU,
FOR I AM WONDERFULLY MADE.
I PRAISE YOU. I THANK YOU.
I PRAISE AND BLESS YOU, LORD,
FOR I AM WONDERFULLY MADE.

You search me. You know me.
You know my resting. You know my rising.
You search me. You know me.
All my ways lie open to you.

It was you, who made me,
Knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for my being,
For the wonders of all your creation.

You knew my soul, you knew my soul,
And my body held no secret from you,
When I was fashioned, in secret,
And moulded in the depths of the earth.

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Pause in silence for personal reflection.

Gospel Acclamation

The Book of the Gospels is held aloft and processed to the lectern as the Gospel acclamation is sung.

Alleluia (Your Word is a Lamp)- Richard Cootes

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Allelu Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia
Alleluia! Alleluia
Allelu Alleluia!**

Your word O Lord is a Lamp
A Lamp for my steps.
Your Word O Lord is a Light
A Light for my path.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Allelu Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia
Alleluia! Alleluia
Allelu Alleluia!**

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Gospel

Please remain seated.

The proclamation of the Gospel is accompanied by a dramatic presentation. The Minister proclaims the narrator's part from the Ambo.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Minister: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(Mt 13:1-9)

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Minister: **A reading from the Gospel of Matthew - The Parable of the Sower**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears^[a] listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Please be seated.

Homily thoughts:

The first reading and the Gospel, connect with Catholic Mission's focus in Ethiopia because the work being done at Lideta Catholic Cathedral School reflects the mission of Christ through the living witness of all involved. In the first reading when Jesus is asked about the kingdom he involves the Holy Spirit and describes its fulfilment in being a witness to his mission "to the ends of the earth." In the Gospel, we hear about the sower whose seeds fall on the path, rocky ground and among thorns. Then finally they fall on good soil and grow in abundance. "Let anyone with ears[a] listen!"...

Similarly at the Lideta Catholic Cathedral School many people are engaged in the liberating activity of Jesus as they provide important and life changing educational opportunities for the most vulnerable children in Emdibir.

Universal Prayer

Please stand.

Presider: It is our responsibility as God's people to pray for the needs of the Church and the world. We pray for change: in ourselves and in the circumstances of those in need, particularly in Ethiopia.

Reader: For missionaries, that they will accompany, with compassion, those whose lives are affected by crushing poverty.
Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all refugee families, that they will find safe haven and welcome in places that show kindness to strangers. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church in Ethiopia, that it will continue to work in harmony with its culture and people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who continue to be affected by the coronavirus pandemic, that they may find relief and recovery.
Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Pope Francis, that he will continue to lead the world towards, mercy, tenderness, and healing.
Lord, hear us

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of all people, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit that we will act justly to rid our world of all that harms our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Presider, concelebrant and the assembly remain standing until the procession is at the back of the church.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Please remain seated.

The gifts and bread and wine are brought forward.

Song for the presentation of the Gifts is sung.

Table Song - Kevin Bates

Come and sit at my table,
Though you have no money come.
Come and sit at my table,
And make yourself at home.

Are you lonely or fearful?
Do you ever lose your way?
Have you seen the rich laughing
And heard the songs they play?

Have you looked from a mountain?
Heard the songs of bellbirds ring?
Have you looked in a mirror
And seen my eyes living?

If you're tired or hungry,
If you have no song to sing,
If your mirror is broken,
And trouble is where you've been.

Then come and sit at my table;
Though you have no money come.
Come and sit my table,
And make yourself at home.

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Presider: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the bread
we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will
become for us the bread of life.

*He then places the paten with the bread on the corporal. The wine
and a little water are poured into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*Taking the chalice and holding it slightly above the altar, Presider
says inaudibly:*

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the wine
we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

Then he places the chalice on the corporal.

Presider bows and says inaudibly:

Presider: With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Presider washes his hands, saying inaudibly:

Presider: Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Prayer over the Offerings

Please stand

Presider: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Presider: Look O Lord, upon the face of your Christ,
so that through him,
from the rising of the sun to its setting,
your name may be exalted among the nations,
and in every place a single offering
may be presented to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer for Children I

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

The Presider, with hands extended, continues the Preface.

Presider: God our Father,
you have brought us here together
so that we can give you thanks and praise
for all the wonderful things you have done.
We thank you for all that is beautiful in the world
and for the happiness you have given us.
We praise you for daylight
and for your word which lights up our minds.
We praise you for the earth,
and all the people who live on it,
and for our life which comes from you.
We know that you are good.
You love us and do great things for us.

The Presider, with hands extended, says:

Father,
you are always thinking about your people;
you never forget us.
You sent us your Son Jesus
who gave his life for us
and who came to save us.
He cured sick people;
He cared for those who were poor
and wept for those who were sad.
He forgave sinners
and taught us to forgive each other.
He loved everyone
and showed us how to be kind.
He took children in his arms and blessed them.

The Presider, with hands extended, continues:

God our Father,
all over the world your people praise you.
So now we pray with the whole Church:
with Francis our Pope and me, your unworthy servant.

In heaven the blessed Virgin Mary,
the Apostles and all the Saints
always sing your praise.

Now we join with them and with the Angels
to adore you as we sing:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider, with hands extended, continues:

God our Father,
you are most holy
and we want to show you that we are grateful.
We bring you bread and wine

He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to make these gifts

*He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the
bread and chalice together, saying:*

the body ✠ and blood of Jesus your Son.

He joins his hands.

Then we can offer to you what you have given for us.
On the night before he died,
Jesus was having supper with his Apostles.

*He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar,
continues:*

He took bread from the table.
He gave you thanks and praise.
Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said:

He bows slightly.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU AND EAT OF IT:
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.

After this, he continues:

When supper was ended,

He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:

Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine.
He thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

Then he said to them:
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME. He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.

Then, with hands extended, the presider says:

We do now what Jesus told us to do.
We remember his death and his resurrection
and we offer you, Father, the bread that gives us life,
and the cup that saves us.
Jesus brings us to you;

Welcome us as you welcome him.
Let us proclaim our faith:

**All sing/say: When we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim your death O Lord,
Until you come again.**

Then the presider, with hands extended, says:

*Father,
because you love us,
you invite us to come to your table.
Fill us with the joy of the Holy Spirit
as we receive the body and blood of your Son.*

*Lord,
you never forget any of your children.
We ask you to take care of those we love,
especially of N. and N.,
and we pray for those who have died.*

Remember everyone who is suffering from
pain or sorrow.
Remember Christians everywhere
and all other people in the world.
We are filled with wonder and praise
when we see what you do for us
through Jesus your Son,
and so we give you praise.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever, and ever.

All: Amen

Communion Rite

Presider: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All: **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.**

Presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The presider joins his hands, and the people conclude the prayer, saying:

All: **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ,
who 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 live and reign for ever and ever.

All sing: Amen.

The presider extends and then joins his hands, and continues:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The assembly exchanges a sign of peace. The presider then takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

Presider: May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**All sing: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

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The presider, with hands joined, continues inaudibly:

Presider: May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.

The presider genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud:

Presider: 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 Presider, facing the altar, says quietly:

Presider: May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ.

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

The Communion hymn begins as the Presider receives the Body of Christ and continues as needed for the duration of the Communion Procession.

The following hymn is sung during Communion.

How Can We Keep From Speaking?

How can we keep from speaking? How can we not acclaim him?
How can we hold this joy inside the Spirit has awakened?
Oh let every heart lift with one accord
And sing out the name of Jesus our Lord.

The wonders we have seen and heard! The wonders we have
witnessed!
God's own life and love revealed! God's mercy and forgiveness!
And now the Spirit moves us to share with one and all
The name above all other names: Jesus, our Lord.

A gift has been poured out on us: God's own peace and joy!
A gift has been poured out on us. In the Spirit we rejoice!

And now we are one body. One body in Christ Jesus!
One in faith, one in hope, one in the love that frees us!
And forth we go together! Forth as living Word!
In all we do proclaim him: Jesus our Lord!

A gift has been poured out on us: God's own peace and joy!
A gift has been poured out on us. In the Spirit we rejoice!

How can we keep from speaking? How can we not acclaim him?
How can we hold this joy inside the Spirit has awakened?
Oh let every heart lift with one accord
And sing out the name of Jesus our Lord.
Oh let every heart lift with one accord
And sing out the name of Jesus our Lord.

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Presider: Let us pray

Pause for silent prayer

May the Sacrament of your Son, which we have received,

increase our strength, O Lord.

From this mystery of unity

may we drink deeply of love's power

and everywhere promote your peace.

Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Solemn Blessing

Presider: In Christ God has revealed his love and his truth.

May he make you witnesses to the Gospel and to the divine love.

All: Amen.

Presider: The Lord Jesus promised to be with his Church until the end of the world.

May he give power to your actions and your words.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Spirit of the Lord be with you,
so that you may go through the world to bring the
Good News.

All: Amen.

Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Presider: At the end of every Mass we are all commissioned to
go out to the world to proclaim the good news of
God's love by our words and actions.

So, each one of you, hear me commission you:
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

The liturgical procession takes place as usual.

Recessional Hymn is Sung

Just a Little Bit

Chorus

Just a little gift that you can share
Just a little bit to show you care for others, sisters and brothers,
Just a little kick in the right direction
Just a little prayer and devotion in Jesus' name.
You can be the change

Verse 1:

All the times you've felt the blessing
of living in this Ancient Land
All the gifts that you've been given
Hold them lightly in your hand.

Chorus

Verse 2:

All the days, in different seasons,
You've planted seeds and watched them grow
Soon you'll see the harvest coming, through the kindness that you
show.

Just a little bit - Whoa x3

Get up off the couch and change the world

Chorus

Just a little bit just a little bit....

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