

Mission Mass 2024

Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet



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EVERYONE
to the banquet



PRESIDER:

VENUE:

TIME:

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Checklist of items and personnel required for this Mass:

ITEMS
Coloured fabric and boxes for a focus space with book holders to support laminated photos Clapping sticks
Photo of the Ger Church
Statue of Our Lady
Photo of the Mongolian flag (or actual flag if it can be sourced)
Photo of Ger
Photo of herd animals as part of the Mongolian culture
Photo of Mongolian landscape
A clear container of water
School candles or banners
Candle/s and lighter/match
Catholic Mission video (can be played at one of two times)
Catholic Mission PowerPoint resource
Computer















GATHERING

Acknowledgement of Country

— *Student Led*

Introducing Mongolia

Student: Welcome to our liturgy for World Mission Month 2024: Our theme is “Go and invite everyone to the Banquet” Today we will celebrate the work of the Church in Mongolia.

Let us create a focus space.

Student: **We bring forward the image of the Ger Church.**

Currently Mongolia has approximately 1,500 Catholics in the country. There are eight parishes, three mission stations (without resident priests), and one other pastoral centre. The Mongolian Catholic Church is young and lives on the periphery.

The image is placed in the focus space.

Student: **We bring forward a statue of our Lady.**

This statue of Our Lady was miraculously discovered in a landfill in the northern region of that country by a Buddhist woman. Pope Francis chose ‘Heavenly Mother’ as the most fitting title, recognising the significance of heaven in Mongolian culture during his visit to Ulaanbaatar in 2023.

The image is placed in the focus space.

Student: We bring forward the flag of Mongolia. It is a vertical triband with a red stripe at each side and a blue stripe in the middle, with the Mongolian Soyombo symbol, the national symbol, centering on the leftmost stripe. The blue stripe represents the eternal blue sky, and the red stripes striving for eternity. The flag represents pride, nationhood, and identity.

The image is placed in the focus space.

Student: We bring forward an image of the ger. The ger is a portable, round tent covered and insulated with skins or felt and traditionally used as a dwelling by several distinct nomadic groups in the steppes and mountains of Inner Asia.

The image is placed in the focus space.

Student: We bring forward an image of animals such as horses, goats, sheep, cattle and camels, that are vital to the lives of the Mongolian people.

The image is placed in the focus space.

Student: Much of Mongolia is home to a vast mountainous plateau, covered in grassland- the Mongolian steppe. The south is dominated by the Gobi Desert, one of the earth's coldest deserts. The climate in Mongolia is challenging with harsh temperatures in summer and winter.

The image is placed in the focus space.

Student: Water is the most important need of living things. Mongolians highly value water, referring to it as ‘chandmani erdene’ (pronounced chand-mani er-dene) or precious.

A jug of water is placed in the focus space.

Student: Student/s are now invited to place their school candles and/or banners around the focus space. The candle reflects the light of Christ.

Candles are placed in the focus space.

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

Play the 2024 Socktober Campaign video.

Student: Please stand for our gathering hymn.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Hymn

Please stand.

Suggested for Primary Schools: *Gathered as One* – John Burland

Suggested for High Schools: *All Are Welcome* – Jesse Manibusan

[Please find the song's resource files on ONELICENSE, find the relevant links on our webpage.]

Welcome

Presider: 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.**

Slight pause before proceeding.

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.

Presider: Generous God, we come today to pray for all of us who work for mission here and around the world. May we open our hearts and respond to your call to work for a full life for all people. By listening to your Word may we understand more clearly the gift of sharing we are called to be to one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Student: A reading from Isaiah 25: 6-10

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. ¹⁰ For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain. The Moabites shall be trodden down in their place as straw is trodden down in a dung-pit.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pause in silence for personal reflection on the reading.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-6

Reader: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

Response: **The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Reader: He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me
beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in
right paths For his name's sake.

All: **The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Reader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
For you are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort
me.

All: **The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Reader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies, You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: **The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Reader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole
life long.

All: **The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Pause in silence for personal reflection.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Halle - Marty Haugen

[Please find the song's resource files on GIA Music, find the relevant links on our webpage.]

Gospel

Please remain seated.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Presider: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you O Lord**

Presider: Matthew 22:1-14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so, the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily

Prayers of Intercession *Please stand.*

Presider: As a community of God, called to be merciful, let us turn to God in prayer, asking for his grace to always welcome and show love to our neighbours.

Student: Loving God we pray for the Church in Mongolia, that it will continue to work in harmony with its culture and people. May it whisper the Gospel to the heart of Asia.

Lord hear us.

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

Student: Loving God we pray for Pope Francis, that he will continue to lead the world towards, mercy, tenderness, healing, peace, and security.

Lord hear us.

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

Student: Loving God, we pray for our world leaders. That they may heed upon the urgency of climate change, and work towards creating a brighter and more sustainable world for future generations.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Student: Loving God, we pray for peace in our world. Guide our hearts to stand up against the injustices of the world. Strengthen us to stand in solidarity with all peoples experiencing injustices. Give us the courage to build your kingdom, following in Christ's footsteps to be the voice of the voiceless, acting when there is a need.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Staff: Loving God, we pray for First Nations peoples, the traditional custodians of this land, and thank them for caring for your precious creation. May we learn from their wisdom, working towards a sustainable future where the land is nurtured, respected, and shared by all.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Staff: Loving God, we pray for the children/youth of the world. That they may grow to be just leaders, inspired by your Son Jesus to bring about your kingdom on earth.

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.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Please remain seated.

The gifts and bread and wine are brought forward.

Suggested song: *Table Song* - Kevin Bates

[Please find the song's resource files on ONELICENSE, find the relevant links on our webpage.]

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.

All: Blessed be God forever

The Presider 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:

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.

All: Blessed be God forever

Then the Presider places the chalice on the corporal.

The Presider bows and says inaudibly:

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.

The Presider washes his hands, saying inaudibly:

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

Prayer over the Offerings

Please stand.

Presider: Pray, my 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: Loving Creator look 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!

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:

Loving God, 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:

Creator God, 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:

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

The Presider 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 hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:

the body ✠ and blood of Jesus your Son.

The Presider 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.

The Presider 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.

The Presider 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,

The Presider 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, loving God, 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: 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, 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, forever, 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: **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: **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.**

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:

Presider: 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:

Suggested song: *Bigger Table* - Matt Maher

[Please find the song using the relevant links on our webpage.]

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Presider: Let us pray

Pause for silent prayer

Lord, make us holy by the Eucharist we share at your table.
Through the sacrament of Your Church may all peoples
receive the salvation Your Son bought us through His
suffering and death on the cross, for He is Lord forever and
ever.

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: Let us go forth boldly, spreading God's love wherever we go in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

The liturgical procession takes place as usual.

Recessional Hymn is sung.

Suggested song: *Just a Little Bit* – Sweetman, Beiers, Thomsen & Smith
[Please find the song's resource files on our webpage.]

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