



Hearts on Fire FEET ON THE MOVE



PRESIDER:

VENUE:

TIME:

World Mission Liturgy 2023

HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

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 first aid kit	Student 2
Laminated photo of the Timor Pigeon (see page 3)	Student to place first aid kit
Laminated photo of the Timor-Leste flag (or actual flag if it can be sourced) (see page 4)	Student to place flag or photo of the flag
Laminated photo of Tais Itos (Tree Cross) (see page 5)	Student to place tais or photo of the tais
Laminated photo of a Tais (see page 6)	Student to place photo of Tais Itos
Laminated photo of Uma Lilik (see page 7)	Student to place photo of Uma Lilik
Book holders to support laminated photos	Student to place photo of Timor Pigeon
Candle/s and lighter/match	First reader – Acts of the Apostles
Catholic Mission video (can be played at one of two times)	Readers for Prayers of Intercession (x7)
Catholic Mission PowerPoint resource	Computer operator
Computer	











GATHERING

Acknowledgement of Country

— *Please remain seated.*

The clapping sticks sound at the door of the church/space and continue to sound as they are processed through the space 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.

Journey to Timor-Leste

Student 1: Welcome to our liturgy for World Mission Month 2023: “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”. Today we turn our focus to Timor-Leste, where missionaries seek to provide life-fulfilling opportunities for children in need. Let us create a focus space.

Student 2: Timor-Leste became the first republic of the 21st century after a violent struggle for independence. We place their flag, which represents pride, nationhood, and identity.

The image is placed on the focus space.

Student 1: The Salesian Sisters in Venilale are supporting children and their families with their health and wellbeing needs. We place a first aid kit to represent the healing that is happening in the community.

The image is placed on the focus space.

Student 2: We bring forward the Tais which is the traditional handwoven textile of Timor-Leste. Used for decoration and to create traditional clothing for ceremonies and festivals, it also

expresses cultural identity and social class since the colours and motifs vary according to ethnic groups.

The image is placed on the focus space.

Student 1: "Tais Itos," is a sacred tree in Timor-Leste. The Tais Itos is considered a holy site by the local Catholic community, and it is often adorned with a cross or other religious symbols to express the people's faith and devotion. The tree is also believed to possess spiritual significance, and it may be a focal point for prayers, offerings, and other religious rituals. The Tais Itos stands as an important cultural and spiritual symbol in Timor-Leste, blending traditional beliefs with Catholicism.

The image is placed on the focus space.

Student 2: The Fataluku people of Timor-Leste are an ethnic minority renowned for their elegant totem houses on stilts, sacred houses called Uma Lulik. These holy huts symbolize a link between the past and present, the dead and the living.

The image is placed on the focus space.

Student 1: To emphasize the significance of the natural world, Timor-Leste has selected a few forces of nature as national symbols, one being Timor-Leste's national bird, the Timor Green Pigeon.

The image is placed on the focus space.

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

The Catholic Mission video is played [option 1/2].

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 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading A reading from Acts of the Apostles (3:1-10)

¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴ Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,[a] stand up and walk." ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pause in silence for personal reflection on the reading.

Responsorial Psalm - Sung

Response: Lord You Will Show Us the Path

Reader: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, whoever at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reader: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Reader: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, happiness for ever.

All: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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.

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, Halle, Halle...lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle...lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle...lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle...lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle...lujah!
Halle, Halle, Halle...lujah!

Gospel

Please remain seated.

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Presider: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
(Lk 24:13-35)

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

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all

the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reflection

Student: The first reading and the Gospel connect with Catholic Mission's focus in Timor-Leste. The work being done at Maria Auxiliadora Medical Clinic reflects the mission of Christ through the living witness of all involved.

[Sung]

May our hearts be warmed and strengthened by your presence here.

In your holy word and bread of life, in the love we share, May we go forth on our journey with you.

Student: In the first reading there is a marginalized, homeless, and poor child of God who was always at the entrance of the Temple. On this day, Peter and John demonstrated that healing through the name and in the power of Jesus brings new life.

[Sung]

May our hearts be warmed and strengthened by your presence here.

In your holy word and bread of life, in the love we share, May we go forth on our journey with you.

Student: In the Gospel, we hear about two sad and frightened disciples who meet the risen Christ. At first, they do not recognise him, but as they open their hearts in faith to the scriptures, to the community and the breaking of the bread – Jesus is revealed and their sadness is transformed!

The Catholic Mission video is played [option 2/2].

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 Timor-Leste.

Loving God we pray for the Church in Timor-Leste, that it will continue to work in harmony with its culture and people. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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. We pray to the Lord.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you are the source of all things good. We pray for peace in the midst of violence and injustice in this world. Strengthen us to advocate in solidarity with all people experiencing injustice. May we have the patience to be understanding, the courage to forgive, and the grace to admit when we are wrong.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God we pray for all families from refugee backgrounds, that they will find safe haven, open hearts and welcome in places that show kindness to strangers. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for all First Nations Peoples, including the traditional custodians of this land, and we acknowledge their stewardship of your precious creation for 60,000 years. May we learn from their wisdom, working towards a sustainable future where the land is nurtured, respected, and shared by all. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for the children and young people of the world, especially those without access to education. May they grow to live full lives and be just leaders, inspired by your Son Jesus to bring about your kingdom on earth. We pray to the Lord.

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 Lord's Prayer

Student 2: Together let us say the words that Jesus taught us.

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.
 Amen**

Student 1: Let us go forth from this place to love and serve the Lord.

Recessional Hymn

The liturgical procession takes place as usual.

Recessional Hymn is sung.

Just a Little Bit – Sweetman, Beiers, Thomsen & Smith

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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