



# How can we keep from speaking?

**PRESIDER:**

**VENUE:**

**TIME:**

## HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM SPEAKING?

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                             |
| Laminated photo of smiling girl (see below)  | Student 2                             |
| Laminated photo of Thai greeting (see below) | Presider                              |
| A plate of boiled rice                       | Student to place smiling girl photo   |
| A pair of sandals                            | Student to place Thai greeting photo  |
| A backpack                                   | Student to place plate of boiled rice |
| A lit candle                                 | Student to place pair of sandals      |
| Book holders to support laminated photos     | Student to place backpack             |
| Catholic Mission PowerPoint resource         | Student to place lit candle           |
| Computer                                     | First reader – Acts of the Apostles   |
|                                              | Prayers of Intercession 1             |
|                                              | Prayers of Intercession 2             |
|                                              | Prayers of Intercession 3             |
|                                              | Prayers of Intercession 4             |
|                                              | Prayers of Intercession 5             |
|                                              | Students to carry gifts               |
|                                              | Altar servers                         |
|                                              | Computer operator                     |







# GATHERING

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## 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 Thailand

**Student 1:** Welcome to our liturgy for World Mission Month: “How Can We Keep From Speaking?” Our focus country is Thailand, where the Church seeks to provide life-fulfilling opportunities for children in need. Let us create a focus space.

**Student 2:** Thailand is called the land of smiles. We place an image of a young Thai infant who is receiving a lunch provided by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

*A large photo is placed on the focus space.*

**Student 1:** When the Thai people greet each other they press their palms together in a prayer-like gesture with the tips of their fingers touching their bowed foreheads. We place an image of a Thai greeting.

*The image is placed on the focus space.*

**Student 2:** Rice is central to Thai society. We place a rice dish.

*A bowl of rice is placed on the focus space.*

**Student 1:** It is considered good manners when entering a home or temple that one removes one's shoes and leaves them outside. We place a pair of sandals.

*A pair of sandals is placed on the focus space.*

**Student 2:** At the Mother and Baby Home (locally known as Baan Sukruthai) women from all parts of Thailand are provided accommodation, nourishing food, and other personal necessities for themselves and their children until they are able to return to their homes or stand on their own.

*A backpack is placed on the focus space.*

**Student 1:** In Bangkok The Sisters of the Good Shepherd offer support to mothers and children from disadvantaged areas. They provide education, skills training for young women, health care for families, and early learning for infant children. Their actions speak of the compassion and mercy of Jesus, the Good shepherd, who says, "I have come that they may have life, life in all its fullness. We place a candle.

*A lit candle is placed on the focus space.*

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

*The Catholic Mission video is played.*

**Student 2:** Please stand for our gathering hymn.



# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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## 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.

Ref: 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.

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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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## First Reading

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (4:13-21)**

The members of the council were amazed to see how bold Peter and John were, and to learn that they were ordinary men of no education. They realized then that they had been companions of Jesus. But there was nothing they could say, because they saw the man who had been healed standing there with Peter and John. So they told them to leave the council room, and then they started discussing among themselves.

“What shall we do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone in Jerusalem knows that this extraordinary miracle has been performed by them, and we cannot deny it. But to keep this matter from spreading any further among the people, let us warn these men never again to speak to anyone in the name of Jesus.”

So they called them back in and told them that under no condition were they to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

But Peter and John answered them, “You yourselves judge which is right in God’s sight – to obey you or God. For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

So the council warned them even more strongly and then set them free. They saw that it was impossible to punish them, because the people were all praising God for what had happened.

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 molded 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**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia**

Allelu Alleluia!

**Allelu Alleluia!**

Your word O Lord is a Lamp

A Lamp for my feet.

Your Word O Lord is a Light

A Light for my path.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia**

Allelu 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 Luke.  
(Lk 4: 16-21)

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

**Minister:** Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the  
poor, to proclaim liberty to captives  
and to the blind new sight,  
to set the downtrodden free,  
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them. 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you 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 Thailand because the Sisters of the Good Shepherd are proclaiming the saving activity of Christ through their living witness. In the first reading the apostles Peter and John insist that they cannot help but speak about the signs and wonders that have been achieved in Jesus' name ie the healing of the lame man at the temple gate. In the Gospel, Jesus, in reading from the Prophet Isaiah, announces that the saving activity of God is being manifested in his own person, ie the blind see, the lame walk, the oppressed are lifted up...*

*Similarly at the Mother and babies home, missionary sisters like Sr Chalaad, are engaged in the liberating activity of Jesus as they provide much needed care to disadvantaged children and their mothers. Such activities include:*

- providing a home for nursing mothers,*
- teaching parenting skills for young mothers.*
- facilitating kindergarten classes for children from impoverished areas.*
- providing educational opportunities for refugee children.*

*In acknowledging such liberating activity we, like Peter and John, cannot help but acclaim "How can we keep from speaking?"*

## 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 Thailand.

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 Thailand, that it will continue to work in harmony with its culture and people.

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

For all those who are 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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## **The 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 Priest, 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 Priest, 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 Priest, 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 sing/say: 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 Priest, 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 Priest 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 Priest, 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 sing/say: 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 Priest, 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 priest receives the Body of Christ and continues as needed for the duration of the Communion Procession.*

*The following reflection hymn is sung after 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.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

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### 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*

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