



Listening with the ear of your heart
Catholic Education Week 2019
Monday, May 27 to Friday, May 31.

BACKGROUND FOR TEACHERS

Listening with the ear of the heart can be a challenging experience because it can call us to radical change, to a transformation of our limited human perspective. This is not simply a change in opinion or stance, but a much deeper change in attitude, a real change in the way of being and doing.

Adapted from Clare Condon SGS <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/listening-with-the-ear-of-the-heart/>

In preparation for the Prayer Service or Eucharistic Liturgy, invite students to dialogue with the theme “listen with the ear of your heart”. A possible response is for students to prepare a visual representation around the theme which could be used in the Entrance Procession.

PRAYER SERVICE:

OR

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Notes:

The following liturgical outline can be used in its entirety for a Eucharistic Liturgy, or adapted to suit the needs and context of the school community .

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to pay our respect to and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, (*insert name of local custodians*) their Elders past and present, who walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years and continue to do so. We acknowledge the lasting, deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Gathered As One – We Gather

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introduction/Welcome:

Sound prayer chime/prayer bells /singing bowl/rain stick to call those present to stillness and silence.

Some Gathering Hymn Suggestions:

- School Song
- Anthem: Towards Tomorrow - John Burland (Lord Teach Me Your Ways)
- We are Called – David Haas
- Gather Us O God - Monica Brown
- Light the Way – Andrew Chinn, Butterfly Music (People of Peace 2012)
- Gathered as One – John Burland (Lord Teach Me Your Ways)
- Jesus is the Light – Michael Mangan, Litmus Productions (Setting Hearts on Fire)
- We Are the Body of Christ - Andrew Chinn 2012 (Butterfly Music (People of Peace
- In the Footsteps of Jesus - Andrew Chinn.
- We are God’s Hands - Andrew Chinn
- Gather us in - Marty Haugen
- Welcome to All - Andrew Chinn (Welcome to All)
- Welcome to Life - Matt Maher (Welcome to Life)
- Emmaus Song by Monica Brown (Come Journey with Me)
- Together As One - Andrew Chinn (This Day)
- Appropriate Song of own choice
- Love is What We Need - Steve Angrisano (High Above Our Way)

Suggestions for Entrance Procession with Theme of “*Listening with the ear of you heart*”.

The following symbols are *suggestions only* for this procession:

Processional Cross

Children’s Lectionary **or** the Book of the Gospels

School candle

School banner

Catholic Education Week poster/banner/logo

Icon (school patron saint or St Mary of the Cross)

Visual representation based on the theme.

Symbols linked to the chosen Scripture reading

Symbols are held high for everyone to see and then enthroned in the sacred space.

Greeting: Leader/Presider

Penitential Act:

Leader/Presider: Lord Jesus, your love invites us to listen to the ear of our hearts. Lord have mercy

All: Lord have Mercy.

Leader/Presider: Lord Jesus, your love urges all people to encounter you in their hearts and lives and to respond through word and action.

Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader/Presider: Lord Jesus, your love calls us to a change of heart.

Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

God Speaks - We Listen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

OR

Ezekiel 36:26-27

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

OR

Isaiah 55:1-3

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

1 Kings 9: 11-13

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Response to the Reading:

If celebrating Eucharist the response should take the form of Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25: 1, 4-5, 9-10, 11-12

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

Psalm Suggestions:

- Lord Teach me Your ways - John Burland (Lord Teach Me Your Ways)
- A Song of Praise - John Burland (Lord Teach Me Your Ways)
- Show us your Kindness and Love - Michael Mangan (Forever I will Sing)
- A Trusting Psalm - Kevin Bates

- Psalm 116- I Trusted - Stephen Kirk
- Like a Child Rests - Christopher Walker
- Lord Send out your Spirit - Andrew Chinn (Joyful Hope)
- Ps 118: The Day of the Lord - Michael Mangan (Sing Your Joy)
- Ps 66: Sing Out with Joy - Michael Mangan (Forever i will Sing)
- Sing To The Mountains (Bob Dufford SJ – Earthen Vessels)
- Psalm 40: Here am I, Lord - Steve Angrisano (A New Day)
- Appropriate Psalm of own choice

The Assembly's response to the reading may take the form of one of the following if planning a Prayer Service.

- Responsorial Psalm
- Appropriate Song
- Silence
- Prayer
- Litany

Song Suggestions:

- Blest Are They - David Haas
- Bring Forth the Kingdom - Marty Haugen
- A New Commandment - Lawrence Bartlett
- We Are Called - David Haas
- The Summons - John Bell
- Stronger - Robert Galea (Reach Out)
- This Day - Andrew Chinn (These Hands)
- These Hands - Andrew Chinn (These Hands)
- Stand Up - Michael Mangan (Setting Hearts on Fire)
- Appropriate Song of own choice

Second Reading:

Romans 10: 9-10; 17

If you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord” and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. So, faith comes from listening, but it’s listening by means of Christ’s message.

Gospel Acclamation:

Suggestions:

- Sing Alleluia - Monica Brown (Praise and Blessing)
- Alleluia Word of God - Bernadette Farrell (Rise Up and Sing Vol.2)
- Listen to Jesus - Bernadette Farrell (Great Times with Jesus)
- Halle, Halle, Halle (Caribbean Tradition: As One Voice for Kids)
- Celtic Alleluia - Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker (As One Voice)
- Ancient Words - Lyn Deshozo

Procession of the Book of the Gospels

(Alternatively, this book may be processed forward in the Gathering procession)

Some suggestions if you wish to highlight the Gospel reading:

- Two candle bearers lead the book bearer in and then stand on either side of the presider as he receives the book and proclaims the Gospel to all gathered.
- Students could be placed at different points on the aisle and the book can be given to the next two students than travel to two more and then given to presider.

Gospel Reading:

[John 13:34-35](#)

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

OR

[Matthew 4:18-22](#)

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

OR

[Matthew 7:24-27](#)

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

OR

John 15:9-14

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

OR

John 10: 14-16; 27-28

Jesus said to them, “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.”

Prayer of the Faithful;

(In line with appropriate liturgical practice, invocations 1, 5, 11 & 12 need to be included when celebrating Eucharist, while others may support your local pastoral needs.)

Leader: United in your love and compassion, we pray:

1 Reader: For all those who lead and educate in our Church, especially Pope Francis and Bishop Paul Bird. May your spirit stir their hearts in compassion and love. God of hope...

All: Hear our prayer.

2 Reader: For all in Catholic education in Australia and across our diocese. May we strive to provide education for all in the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. God of hope...

All: Hear our prayer.

3 Reader: For all who work in and attend our Catholic schools. Strengthen us so that our schools will always be communities of faith, hope and love. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

4 Reader: For all God's people. May we radiate Christ's love to our family, friends and all we encounter. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

5 Reader: For peace in our world and for all who work for peace. May unity in diversity be embraced by all. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

6 Reader: For the displaced people of our world, may we listen with the ear of our heart as we welcome and provide refuge. God of hope...

All: Hear our prayer.

7 Reader: For victims of all forms of abuse. Let our hearts always recognise that human beings are made in God's image and likeness so that all may live in dignity. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

8 Reader: For reconciliation in families and communities torn apart by hurt, fear, war and injustice. May we begin this action in our own families. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

9 Reader: For unity in our nation and in our world. May we show an appreciation of diversity within our own community. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

10 Reader: For justice in our world. May we be inspired to work for justice so that all people may come to live in unity, freedom, love, reverence and respect. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

11 Reader: For those in our school and parish communities who are lonely, ill, sad, grieving and may feel unloved. May we be open and present to their needs. God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

12 Reader: For those in our school and parish communities who have died. May they have eternal life with their God . God of hope ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, we gather the needs and concerns we have spoken along with those deep in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

If celebrating Eucharist proceed to Liturgy of the Eucharist. If celebrating rituals other than Eucharist proceed to Ritual Action.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

God Acts - We Give Thanks

Offertory Procession/Procession of Gifts:

- Quiet reflective music or
- We Gather at Your Table - Andrew Chinn (People of Peace)
- We Bring These Gifts - John Burland (Lord Teach Me Your Ways)
- Come To The Table - Andrew Chinn (In Joyful Hope)
- Appropriate Song of own choice

Eucharistic Prayer

Depending on the context and in consultation with the Presider, a decision would be made about which of the Eucharistic Prayers would be best suited for this celebration of Mass. Eucharistic responses are most appropriately sung.

Suggested Mass Settings:

- Mass Jubilee and Mass of Celebration by Michael Mangan PRIMARY
- Mass for God's Children by Andrew Chinn (People of Peace) PRIMARY
- Mass of St Francis (Paul Taylor)
- Mass of Alphonsus (Paul Bird)
- Mass Shalom (Colin Smith)

Communion Procession:

Communion Song Suggestions:

- This Is My Body - Andrew Chinn (People of Peace)
- One Bread One Body - John Michael Talbot
- I Am The Bread of Life - Andrew Chinn (Welcome to All)
- Offering - Stephen Kirk
- Come to the Table - John Burland (Lord Teach Me Your Ways)
- The Bread of Life - Michael Mangan (Setting Hearts of Fire)
- Do This in Memory of Me - John Burland (Celebrating the Sacraments)
- When We Eat This Bread - Andrew Chinn (These Hands and Together As One)

- One Body, One People - Michael Mangan (Setting Hearts On Fire)
- Take and Eat - Michael Mangan (This Is The Time)
- We Gather at Your Table - Andrew Chinn (People of Peace)
- Emmaus Song - Monica Brown
- Everything is Grace - Matt Maher (Saints and Sinners)
- Your Grace is Enough - Matt Maher (All the People Said Amen)
- I am the Bread of Life - Steve Angrisano (High Above Our Way)
- Clean Heart - Matt Maher (Echoes)
- Sing Over Your Children - Matt Maher (Alive Again)
- Remembrance (Communion song) - Matt Maher (Alive Again)
- All the people said Amen - Matt Maher (All the people said Amen)
- Appropriate Song of own choice

Prayer after Communion see *'Daily Mass Book 2019'* or *Missal*

RITUAL ACTION *for rituals other than Eucharist*

The following two actions may be done together or separately.

Listen and Attending to the school community

- Each class/groups identify a need within the school community and suggest a way to attend to that need - *listening with the ear of our heart*. This requires the teacher and students dialoguing with each other about the needs of this school community.
- This may be presented as a visual form and presented as part of the ritual action.

Litany

As the reader recites his/her line, another student places a visual showing this taking place in the school community. This could also be prepared as a PowerPoint presentation.

Reader: Help us know what is just and to do it.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: Help us find you in everyone we meet.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: Help us hear your messengers of Good News.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: When we are in trouble, help us remember your words of peace.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: When we are hopeful, help us kindle that hope in others.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: When people are wronged, help us seek justice instead of revenge.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: When we are quick to judge, make us quicker to understand.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: When we are quick to condemn, make us quicker to praise.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Reader: Where there is darkness, let us be light for others so your promise of peace will be known in our world.

All: Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

Leader: Creator God, help us to listen with our heart to make your kingdom real in this place and this time. Help us to transform the world into your dream.

All: Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

God Sends – We Go

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace

To love and to be loved

To welcome and to belong

To serve and to be nourished

Recessional Hymn Song suggestions:

- The School Song
- Bring Forth the Kingdom - Marty Haugen (Spirit & Song)
- Go make a Difference - Steve Angrisano
- Raise Your Voice for Justice - John Burland (Lord Teach Me Your Ways)
- Source of Life - Andrew Chinn (Many Roads One Journey)
- In the Footsteps of Jesus - Andrew Chinn.
- To the Ends of the Earth by Fr Rob Galea
- We are God's Hands by Andrew Chinn
- Jesus is the Light – Michael Mangan (Setting Hearts on Fire)
- Alive Again - Matt Maher
- Rising - Stephen Kirk
- Thank You - Stephen Kirk
- People of God - Andrew Chinn
- Hearts on Fire - Michael Mangan (Setting Hearts on Fire)
- Appropriate Song of own choice