



Listen to what the Spirit is saying...
Catholic Education Week 2020

BACKGROUND FOR TEACHERS

Recognizing the central role that the Plenary Council will play in the life of the Australian Church in 2020 and beyond, the theme for Catholic Education Week 2020 is ***Listen to what the Spirit is saying***. This theme focuses on listening and discernment (making choices) which is borne from rich dialogue. Pope Francis defines discernment as more than intelligence or common sense: 'It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.'

Gaudete et Exsultate #166

In preparation for the Prayer Service or Eucharistic Liturgy, invite students to dialogue with the theme "***Listen to what the Spirit is saying***".

PRAYER SERVICE:
OR
EUCCHARISTIC 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, present and emerging, who walked upon and cared for this land and its waters, 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)
- Emmaus Song – Monica Brown (Come Journey with Me)
- Together as One – Andrew Chinn (This Day)
- 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
- Welcome to All – Andrew Chinn (Welcome to All)
- In the Footsteps of Jesus – Andrew Chinn
- We are God's Hands – Andrew Chinn
- Gather us in – Marty Haugen
- We are Called – David Haas
- Welcome to Life – Matt Maher (Welcome to Life)
- Love is What We Need – Steve Angrisano (High Above Our Way)
- Appropriate Song of own choice

Suggestions for Entrance Procession with Theme of “Listen to what the Spirit is saying”.

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

- Processional Cross
- Children’s Lectionary **or** the Book of the Gospels
- School candle
- School banner
- Message Stick (this can then be held during the Readings)

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 Spirit.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have Mercy.

Leader/Presider: Lord Jesus, your love urges all people to encounter the Spirit in others.

Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader/Presider: Lord Jesus, your love calls us to hear the Spirit of truth.

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy.

God Speaks – We Listen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Ezekiel 36:26-28

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. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God

Response to the Reading:

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

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)
- Lord Send out your Spirit – Andrew Chinn (Joyful Hope)
- Psalm 118: The Day of the Lord – Michael Mangan (Sing Your Joy)
- Psalm 66: Sing Out with Joy – Michael Mangan (Forever I will Sing)
- Psalm 116: I Trusted – Stephen Kirk
- Psalm 40: Here am I, Lord – Steve Angrisano (A New Day)
- Psalm 34: The Cry of the Poor – John Foley
- A Trusting Psalm – Kevin Bates
- Psalm of the Sunday/Season – Michael Herry <http://www.maristmusic.org.au/lent-year-a>
- 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 (See above)
- Appropriate Song (See below)
- Silence
- Prayer
- Litany

Second Reading:

Revelation 2:7

Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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)

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:

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 14:15-18

“If you love me, you will keep[a] my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,[b] to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to 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.”

Song Suggestions for responding to Readings during Prayer service:

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

Prayer of the Faithful:

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

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. Spirit of hope...

All: Hear our prayer.

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

All: Hear our prayer.

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. Spirit of hope...

All: Hear our prayer.

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

All: Hear our prayer.

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. Spirit of hope ...

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. Spirit of hope...

All: Hear our prayer.

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

(Other Prayers may be included as appropriate for your School Community)

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)
- Come to your Feast – Michael Joncas
- 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)
- I Am The Bread of Life – Andrew Chinn (Welcome to All)
- 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)
- One Bread One Body – John Michael Talbot
- Offering – Stephen Kirk
- All the people said Amen – Matt Maher (All the people said Amen)
- Appropriate Song of own choice

Prayer after Communion see *'Daily Mass Book 2020' 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/group identifies a need within the school community and suggests a way to attend to that need – *listen to what the Spirit is saying*. 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 for rituals other than Eucharist:

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 to know what is just and do it.

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Reader: Help us find you in everyone we meet.

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Reader: Help us hear your messengers of Good News.

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

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

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

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

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

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

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

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

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

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

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

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

All: Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Leader: Creator God, help us to listen to what the Spirit is saying o 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
- 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
- We are God's Hands – Andrew Chinn
- Jesus is the Light – Michael Mangan (Setting Hearts on Fire)
- People of God – Andrew Chinn
- Hearts on Fire – Michael Mangan (Setting Hearts on Fire)
- Bring Forth the Kingdom – Marty Haugen (Spirit & Song)
- To the Ends of the Earth – Fr Rob Galea
- Alive Again – Matt Maher
- Rising – Stephen Kirk
- Thank You – Stephen Kirk
- Go make a Difference – Steve Angrisano
- Appropriate Song of own choice