



Liturgical Resource: November 2018

These resources could be used to build a Liturgy of the Word or a Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Entrance song: In The Lord (Taizé)

Penitential Rite:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Leader: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Leader: You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Leader: You are seated at the right hand of the father to intercede for us: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Book of Isaiah (25:6-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm: The Lord is my light and help (Chris Walker)

Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia (Ephrem Feeley, *Mass of St Paul*, from *Sing the Mass*)

v. Come, you whom the Father has blessed, says the Lord;

Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.



Gospel Reading: Gospel of Matthew (5:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth as their heritage.

Happy are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful

Brothers and sisters, as we now make our prayer for the community and for the world, let us all pray to Christ the Lord, not only for ourselves and our own needs, but for the entire people:

1. We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop _____, members of the clergy and for all the Christian community. Inspired by the work of the Holy Spirit, may they continue to guide and strengthen the Church.
Lord hear us.
2. We pray for the Congregation of _____. May their work continue to inspire us to live by the values of their founder / foundress _____.
Lord hear us.
3. We pray for our school community. May we always act in a way that has grown out of faith, hope and love.
Lord hear us.
4. We pray for our parents and grandparents. May their love and guidance continue to strengthen us, comfort us and inspire us.
Lord hear us.
5. We pray for loved ones that have passed away. (Pause.) May they find eternal peace and happiness in the presence of God.
Lord hear us.
6. We pray for friendship. May we all continue to love and support one another as we journey together.
Lord hear us.

Priest: O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord.

**Reflection:**

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening buds and in the warmth of the sun,

We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us as,

We remember them.

(From *Gates of Prayer, Judaism Prayerbook*)

More suggested music:

1. Heal My Soul for I Have Sinned (Ronan McDonagh)
2. Open My Eyes (Jesse Manibusan)
3. Quietly, Peacefully (Lori True)
4. Only in God (John Foley)
5. In the Shadow of your Wings, Lord (Ephrem Feeley)
6. Come Feast at this Table (Ian Callanan)
7. You Are Mine (David Haas)
8. Eirim Suas le Dia (Ronan McDonagh)