



Liturgy for Moment Four: Families of Joy

(Adaptable as the Liturgy of the Word)

The space can be set up very simply, using an icon of Mary the Mother of God or the icon for the World Meeting of Families 2018. There is also the option of setting up an area (away from the altar) where symbols of family are placed (i.e. photographs/simply a candle with each family name on it).

Entrance Song: *Accompanying a procession of symbols associated with family/the icon.*

Penitential Rite:

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of Numbers (6:22–7)

Psalm: May God Bless Us In His Mercy (Tony Alonso)

Second Reading:

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians (4:4–7)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his son.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1:41–5)

If a celebration of the Eucharist, consider a renewal of baptismal promises in place of the Creed.



Prayers of Intercession:

1. For our Christian family, that God may watch over us and care for us. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
2. For our global family, that God may bring about peace and harmony. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
3. For our school family, that God may bless us with an education that feeds both our academic and spiritual selves. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
4. For our own family, that God will guide us during happy times as well as during challenging times. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
5. For the members of our families that are sick in mind, body or spirit. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.
6. For our family members that are no longer with us. Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer service could end here, followed by a suitable piece of music.

Recommendation: Eucharistic Prayer II

Music Suggestions (especially for the World Meeting of Families):

1. *May God Bless Us In His Mercy* (Tony Alonso)
2. *A Joy for All the Earth* (Official Hymn for the World Meeting of Families 2018) (Ephrem Feeley)
3. *Fons Vivus, Ignis Caritas* (Ephrem Feeley)
4. *The Beatitudes* (Giovanna Feeley)
5. *Heart of Love* (Columba McCann)
6. *Gathered in the Love of Christ* (Marty Haugen)
7. *May God Bless and Keep You* (David Haas)
8. *Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gifts* (Stephen C. Warner)
9. *Magnificat* (Ronan McDonagh)
10. *Hail Queen of Heaven* (HF Hémy)
11. *As I Kneel Before You* (Maria Parkinson)

Acclamations: Sing the Mass Collection