



Liturgy for Moment Two: Families of Faith

(Adaptable as the Liturgy of the Word)

The space can be set up very simply, using candles and an image of the Holy Family.

Entrance Song: A Joy for all the Earth (Official Hymn for the World Meeting of Families, 2018)

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.

(You may consider singing the 'Lord Have Mercy' each time. See Sing the Mass, 'Mass of St Columba' by Columba McCann)

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (3:2–6; 12–14)

Psalm:

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Ps 127:1–5)

Second Reading:

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:12–21)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:13–15, 19–23)



Prayers of Intercession:

(Source: *The Roman Missal*)

1. That the Christian family may be an example of faith, hope and love to all its members, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
2. For peace in our world, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
3. That God may be pleased to show himself a father to our brothers and sisters who lack work, food or housing, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
4. For those who are sick in mind, body or spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
5. For those who have died. In a special way remember our family members that are no longer with us. (*Pause*)
Lord hear our prayer.
6. For our families. That we may imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that after the difficulties of this world, we may share in their company forever, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

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. *A Joy for All the Earth* – Official Hymn of the World Meeting of Families 2018 (Ephrem Feeley)
2. *May Your Love Be Upon Us* (Bernard Sexton)
3. *Heart of Our Love* (Columba McCann)
4. *Gathered in the Love of Christ* (Marty Haugen)
5. *May God Bless and Keep You* (David Haas)
6. *I Have Loved You* (Michael Joncas)
7. *There Is No Greater Love* (Michael Joncas)
8. *Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gifts* (Stephen C. Warner)
9. *Where There is Love* (David Haas)
10. *May God Bless You* (George Van Grieken)
11. *Lord, You Are My Shepherd* (Ephrem Feeley)

Acclamations: Sing the Mass Collection