Welcome everyone into church today, perhaps by giving out the books.

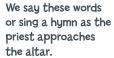


ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask...



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:18-24

This story from the first book in the Bible explains that God does not want people to be lonely. The animals are all named by the man, who now has responsibility to look after them and take care of them. They are not enough to keep

the man company though. He needs someone like himself, so that they can work together and help each other. God makes the woman. Both the man and the woman are gifts from God, and they belong together.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

God has made people to be friends with each other and look after each other.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 127 🕊

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.



SECOND READING HEBREWS 2:9-11

God wants everyone to be close to him. God sent Jesus so that all human beings can have a good relationship with God. **Human beings turned** away from God, but Jesus came to put everything right. Jesus became

one of us so that we can enjoy God's glory. Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection mean that we can share his life and love. We are part of the same human family and are all brothers and sisters of Jesus.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Jesus became a human being, so that human beings could become closer to God.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



Jesus wants the children to come to him, even though the disciples think they are a nuisance. Jesus loves especially anyone who is ignored and overlooked by other people. What great news!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

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Catholic Christians know God made the world. but do not believe that the accounts in Genesis tell us exactly how God created it. We believe these stories tell us whu we are here and how much God loves us. One important truth we learn is that God does not want people to be lonely. Marriage is a gift from God and a way for us to show God's love to the world.



GOSPEL MARK 10:2-16

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Mark.

People were often questioning Jesus. They worried that his teaching might be different from their understanding about God. Here, some religious leaders ask Jesus about marriage. They want to see if he is following Moses' teaching. Jesus explains that God created people to love each other and live together

in marriage. Marriage is a gift from God. A small child might be overlooked and ignored, but even unimportant people can understand what is important in life. Love is at the heart of God's kingdom and what we hope marriage shows to the world. We come close to Jesus when we love other people.

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What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



"Then he put his arms around them..."

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. I can feel your love wrapping me up and keeping me safe. Help me to remember your blessing if other people are ignoring me.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking today about all the people who are finding it hard to be married. Please help them to find the practical support and understanding they need. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



Invite someone who is usually overlooked to join your group or be part of your team.

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION <

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were sad and then another time when you were really happy and full of joy. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.



You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for always welcoming me and calling me closer to you. Help me to respond to you with an open and loving heart. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.





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Take a moment to be quiet, to get ready to listen to God's word.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works...



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING **WISDOM 7:7-11**

The author prayed and was given the gift of wisdom from God. Wisdom is a deep insight or understanding. When someone is wise they know what is important in life and can see beyond the nonsense that worries most

of us. Real wisdom is truly valuable. It is worth more than any riches, thrones and jewels, silver or gold. Wisdom is loved more than health or beauty and is preferred to the light. Good things come to people who are wise.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Wisdom comes from God and is priceless.

> The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God's word is alive and active.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 89

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.



SECOND READING HEBREWS 4:12-13

God speaks to us through the words in the Bible. God has inspired the writers of scripture and God will speak to us today through the words they wrote down. When we are really open to hearing God's message

it will affect us deeply. God's words cut through the unimportant parts of life and get to the heart of what matters. God's word in the Bible can help us to really look hard at ourselves and help us grow closer to God.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken



from the Bible.

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DO YOU KNOW?

This is Prisons Week when we pray for everyone affected by prisons: prisoners and their families and the victims of crime. We pray for the police, lawyers, prison officers, prison chaplains and the people who care for those affected by crime.



Jesus looks at the young man in the Gospel with love when he challenges him to put God first in his life. Real love will challenge us too. We may be asked to give things up, to show real love and care for someone. Perhaps you know someone who is a young carer and who spends time and energy looking after a family member.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!



GOSPEL MARK 10:17-30

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Mark.

The young man who runs up to Jesus really wants to know how he can get to heaven. Kneeling in front of Jesus, the young man tells him that he has always kept God's commandments. Then there is just one thing the young man needs to do, Jesus tells him. Sell

everything and give the money to people who are in need. The young man goes away sad because he is unable to give away his riches. Jesus knows how hard it is for us to put God first, but he loves us and knows that God will help us.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the

Gospel?

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us



"Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him"

Take a moment to be still with Jesus. Let him look at you with love, Feel Jesus' love. Know that he is always with you.





Give something up your time or energy, a book or toy - so that you can give to someone in need.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking today about all the people who are suffering because of crime. I especially want to pray for the children of anyone who is in prison. Be with them. Lord, hear my prayer.

to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you did something you knew was wrong and then think about some of the good, positive choices you made.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



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What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me - even when I don't do what I know is right. Thank you for being patient with me. Amen.



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Be confident that God loves you very, very much.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart...



FIRST READING ISAIAH 53:10-11

How can there be a good, loving God when innocent people suffer? There are no easy answers to this problem of evil. Yet for believers, there is a very real understanding that God is with us in our suffering and that

good can from the bad situations and experiences we face. Jesus is, for us, the suffering servant, whose death and resurrection is the answer to the problem of evil. Love has shown us the way to life and real happiness.

We sau these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

God can bring good out of suffering and loves us through it all.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 32

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.



SECOND READING HEBREWS 4:14-16

Jesus is so fantastic we never want to lose sight of him! We know that Jesus understands us. Although he is God, Jesus is completely human too. He has faced all the difficulties and challenges we face. Jesus really does

understand our weaknesses and will forgive us when we go wrong. He knows how hard it can be to make the right the right choices. And we can be confident that Jesus will help us out if we are struggling. We just need to ask!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

We can be confident that Jesus understands us and will help us.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

29TH SUNDAY

Year B

Monday 18 October is the feast of St Luke, Evangelist. He was a Gentile, not Jewish, and a doctor. Luke wrote a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. He wanted to help everyone understand that Jesus' message of love is meant for the whole world, especially people who are left out and ignored.



Putting other people first can be really difficult. I would much rather do what I want, than think about what other people need! But if we want to follow Jesus this is what we must do. How will you love and serve your family and friends today?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!



GOSPEL MARK 10:35-45

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Mark.

Even after spending so long with Jesus, his disciples don't really understand what he is about. They are still looking forward to the power that they think following Jesus will bring. But Jesus is unlike any other leader or ruler. Jesus' power comes from

his love for other people, which will bring him pain and suffering. Putting other people first can be really hard, but that's how we are going to follow Jesus. We don't really understand just what it means, but loving and serving other people is the way to real happiness and joy!

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



"...we place all our hope in you."

Sit in a quiet place with Jesus. Tell him what's on your mind, the good things and the bad or worrying. Be confident in Jesus' love and feel his happiness.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is suffering and in pain. Let them feel your loving presence and find the strength they need for today. Be with them. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.





Do a good deed every day, perhaps finding something kind to do for someone you wouldn't normally help.

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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What can you give special thanks for today?

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

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You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for showing me by your example of what real love means. Thank you for always being there for me, no matter what. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.





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I trust and I love you, Jesus,

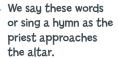


ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise...



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING JEREMIAH 31:7-9

The people of God are living in two kingdoms, in the north and south. They are all very sad, but here is a message of hope from God. The prophet Jeremiah tells the people that they will be united again as one kingdom.

There will be great celebrations as god gathers the people from the far ends of the earth. Everyone is coming home! Like a loving father, God will lead the people, guiding them to streams of water along a smooth path.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

God gives words of hope to the people through the prophet Jeremiah.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 125

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.



SECOND READING HEBREWS 5:1-6

A very important festival for Jewish people is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. On this day, Jewish people celebrate God's forgiveness of their sins and their new start with God. The high priest who makes the offerings has been chosen from the community by God. Here, as Christians, we are reminded that God has given us Jesus as our high priest. It is through Jesus, one of us, that our sins are forgiven.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

We can be confident that Jesus understands us and will help us.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

Thursday 28 October is the feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles. According to some traditions, they went together as missionaries to Persia, and died for their faith there. Both were among Jesus twelve special disciples. Simon is known as "the zealot" and Jude is also "Thaddaeus", which stops anyone mixing them up with Simon Peter and Judas.



Today is World Mission
Day. We give money
to support churches,
hospitals, schools and
vocations in countries
where the Church is new,
young or poor. Let's pray
for everyone involved in
sharing Jesus' Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL MARK 10:46-52

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Mark.

As a blind man in Jesus' time, Bartimaeus had little option but to beg for money. He is sitting on the side of the road, when he hears Jesus comina and shouts out to him. The crowd are embarrassed by the noise Bartimaeus is making and try to shush him, but he is determined

to be heard and shouts even louder. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cries for help and calls him over. Bartimaeus throws off his cloak, his only protection, and races to Jesus. Jesus sees how much trust and faith Bartimaeus has in him and heals him. Bartimaeus can see again!

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



Jesus, help me to really see what's important in my life. Help me to appreciate the good things around me and not to take anything, or anyone, for granted. Amen.



DO

Take notice of the beautiful things you can see this week. Enjoy looking round and taking in the details!



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all those who are working to spread the Good News about Jesus across the world. Give them your joy and peace. Lord, hear my prayer.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION 4

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What can you give special thanks for today?

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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DO YOU KNOW?

In the apostles' creed

when we talk about "the

communion of saints" we

are saying that we believe

God's family, on earth and

we are connected to all

in heaven. We are united

with everyone who has

loved God and followed

Jesus in all times and all

places.

Year B

Remember by name anyone from your family or parish who is in heaven.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God. We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long...



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING APOCALYPSE 7:2-4, 9-14

No one knows what heaven is like, but this personal vision tells us a little with symbolic imagery. John sees a royal court with the Lamb, Jesus, on the throne. There are too many people to count, waving palms, praising God. Everyone is wearing white, showing they are baptised Christians from every race and nation who are now happy, enjoying being close to God. What hope this joyful vision would have given to the suffering Christians at the time, and to us too!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Heaven is full of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 23

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.



SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:1-3

God loves each one of us all very, very much. We are all God's children. We don't need to do anything to deserve God's love. God loves us just as we are. Although we don't know what will happen

in the future, we do know that God is going to keep on loving us no matter what. The more we try to be like Jesus, the more we will understand God's love. God's love will bring us real happiness and joy!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

God really loves each one of us.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



There are lots of people in heaven, so many that we don't know all their names. Today we are celebrating them all in the feast of All Saints. During Mass, let's remember by name the holy people we know who have died and gone to heaven before us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

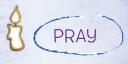
The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Matthew.

Going up a mountain, Jesus tells his friends who will be truly happy. How surprised they must all be when they hear what he says! People who are poor in spirit, who are not arrogant and people who are gentle or grieving are happy. People who work to make the world a

fairer place and to make peace are happy. Those who forgive others and who suffer for what is right are happy. Even people who are abused because of their faith are happy. Happiness is not just about fun and laughter; real and lasting happiness comes from trusting in God's love.

STAND to LISTEN

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"Come to me... and I will give you rest"

Take a moment to be still. Breathe gently and close your eyes if you can. Relax your muscles and enjoy sitting quietly with Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you to be happy.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking about_____ who has died and is with you in heaven. Help and comfort everyone who misses them. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a times when you argued with someone this week and then think of the times when you were gentle and tried to help everyone to get on well together.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Scotland, Ireland)

Year B

Take a moment to get ready to listen really carefully, with your heart, to Jesus.

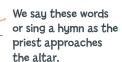


ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!



Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised...



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6

God wants to have a loving relationship with all human beings and has been working through all of history to enable this to happen. God has brought the people out of slavery to the Promised Land. Here is the evidence that God

I love you, Lord, my strength.

is keeping the covenant promise. God saved the people and they will love God with all their heart, soul and strength. Along with all God's people, we are reminded to listen to God's message for us today.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Love God with all your heart, your soul and your strength.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

SECOND READING HEBREWS 7:23-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 17

High priests offered sacrifices so that the people's sins would be forgiven. Here we are reminded that Jesus is the perfect high priest. Having risen from the dead, Jesus will never die – so he will always be able to help

us. He is not like any other human priest because he has no weaknesses. Jesus will never disappoint us or let us down. Jesus sacrificed himself for us, so there is no need for further offerings. God has forgiven all our sins through Jesus.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Jesus is the perfect high priest who will help to heal our relationship with God the Father.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

Our first reading is the beginning of one of the most important Jewish prayers, the Shema. "Shema" means "listen" or "hear" in Hebrew. This prayer is written on tiny scrolls, a mezuzah, kept on the doorposts of Jewish homes. It is also in the small leather boxes, tefillin, worn by people praying in the synagogue.



There are lots of people in heaven, so many that we don't know all their names. On Monday 1
November we celebrate them all in the feast of All Saints. On Monday let's remember by name the holy people we know who have died and gone to heaven before us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL MARK 12:28-34

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Mark.

An expert in Jewish Law, a scribe, is curious about Jesus' interpretation of the commandments. Which commandment does Jesus think is the most important? Jesus puts love at the heart of everything. He links the whole-hearted love of God with the practical love of our neighbour

and ourselves. It is not possible to have one without the others. When the scribe agrees that love is central, Jesus recognises his wisdom by saying the scribe is close to the kingdom of heaven. I pray that I will listen carefully and recognise God's love for me, so that I will be kind to others.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does he do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



"I love you Lord, my strength."

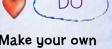
Jesus, help me to be kind. Help me to be gentle with muself and with the people I meet today. Give me patience and understanding so that I can put into practice your teaching. Amen.





Make your own mezuzah, to remind yourself of God's love every time you go in





and out of your room.



is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

I (Jesus)

X (Christos)

⊕ (Theou/God's)

Y (Uios/Son)

 Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is struggling to accept themselves for who they are, good and bad. Help them to see themselves through your eyes of love. Lord, hear my prayer.

encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any times when you were cross and bad tempered and then think about all the times this week kind and loving to the people around you.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

We listen to the prayer of praise and

thanks to God.

Listen to the

reader as he or she

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus tauaht us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's

celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to love you properly and to spend time with you every day. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

