

Lay Leader's Version

Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

*After the Revised Roman Missal USCCB 2011
Note that there are changes to the Creed and the Gloria.*

- LL: We gather here to celebrate the Lord's Day. Sunday has been called the Lord's Day because it was on this day that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life. Unfortunately, we are not able to celebrate the Mass because we do not have a priest. Let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.
- LL: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
- LL: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God for ever.
- All: **Blessed be God for ever.**
- LL: Let us pray.
(The opening prayer for the corresponding Sunday Mass may be used or the following)

Praise to you, O God, our Father,
for you give us this first day of the week
to restore our hope, to refresh our spirits,
and inspire us for works of mercy, charity,
and apostolic service.
On this day that belongs to you,
we recall in faith that day
when Christ rose from the dead;
and with great fervor
we look forward to the future of Christ's return.
May our gathering this Sabbath day
lead us to a deeper solidarity of faith
and a profound sense of gratitude
for the grace of our Baptism.
May our prayer lead us to a love for the poor,
a greater respect for the dignity of human life,
and the liberation of the oppressed.
As we remember the resurrection of your Christ,
may we receive
the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit,
so that we might be
effective witnesses of the Gospel.
To you belong all glory and honor and power both
now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

(The readings and psalm are those assigned for that particular Sunday in the Lectionary. A layperson does not use the greeting, "The Lord be with you," but begins with "A reading from the Gospel according to N." Following the readings, there may be a period of sacred silence for reflection on the Word of God.)

Profession of Faith:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible & invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men & for our salvation he came down from heaven,
& by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions:

With faith in God's promises, let us now present our needs
and petitions:

Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For Francis our Pope; Timothy, our Bishop;
and all bishops, priests, and deacons,
that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit
in their preaching the Good News of Salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
- For peace, justice, and hope in our world,
let us pray to the Lord.
- That those who suffer in any way
may seek and know Christ's saving help.
Let us pray to the Lord.
- For vocations to the priesthood,
especially for our diocese, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our families and friends,
that God may watch over them and
strengthen the bonds of our love,
let us pray to the Lord.
- That those who have died may be brought
to the glory of God's heavenly kingdom,
let us pray to the Lord.
- Let us pray together in the words our Savior taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

(Following the Lord's Prayer, a prayer of praise and thanks should be offered. Outside of Advent and Lent it may be the Gloria. At all times it may be the Magnificat).

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Magnificat:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Angelus:

LL: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

All: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

LL: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LL: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

All: Be it done to me according to thy word.

LL: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LL: And the Word was made flesh.

All: And dwelt among us.

LL: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LL: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ

LL: Let us pray:

All: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,

Your grace into our hearts,

that we to whom the Incarnation

of Christ Your Son was made to be known

by the message of an angel,

may by His Passion and Cross

be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

LL: *(makes sign of the cross on him/herself & says)*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil,

and bring us to everlasting life.

(LL may invite the sign of peace)

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.