

# Worship Meeting Agenda

*(Editor's note: These agenda items provide a listing of possible topics to consider at the next parish liturgy committee meeting. Select the topics that will guide your preparations in the months ahead.)*

## BEGIN WITH PRAYER

- Using *Prayer Services for Times of Need* (LTP, 2021), focus on the need for peace in the parish, in families, and in the world. Invite those gathered to stand. The leader begins on page 100 with the universal prayer, praying slowly and devoutly. Conclude on page 101 with the Lord's Prayer and closing.
- Gather near the sanctuary of your worship space (if possible), and light one candle to represent God's mercy. Introduce and then proclaim Micah 7:13–20. Invite members to silently discern one action of mercy that they could participate in during the week ahead. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.
- Begin with the sign of the cross. Invite a member to read from the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* (109–110) on Lent and the paschal mystery. Use YouTube for Psalm 19 (Grail Psalms, Hurd) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2JcsXwxkvU>, and invite the group to sing the response, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."

## CONSIDER AND DECIDE

- In this season, parishioners are deeply invested in Lenten observances. Ensure that the sacrament of penance is available at times that are convenient for those in your community. Is a worship aid needed to provide an examination of conscience and instructions for celebrating the sacrament?
- Discover two or three new bulletin inserts (or articles for the website) that describe and invite others to participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and the Triduum. Describe the Great Vigil on Holy Saturday in its powerful symbols such as the paschal candle, Exsultet, and flowing baptismal water.
- Check with the art and environment coordinators for the Easter season to determine whether more funding is needed for flowers. Are there sufficient personnel to assist during Holy Week? Recruit a team member to photograph the designs and environment throughout the Easter season. Archive photos for discussion and evaluation in late summer.
- Review notes and memories from last year. Are more hospitality ministers needed for Holy Thursday and Good Friday? How does the parish welcome visitors and guests during the Triduum and on Easter Sunday?

## ANTICIPATE AND PREPARE

- Determine whether the parish will livestream the liturgy to make it possible for those who are homebound to participate in the Triduum. If not, work with the leader of the ministry to ensure that the homebound receive an Easter visit with the

parish bulletin and any worship aids (to use for personal prayer) or materials that the parishioners will receive.

- Schedule a meeting with all liturgical leaders for the second week after Easter. Invite those gathered to list both commendations and recommendations, focusing on the liturgies from Palm Sunday through the Octave of Easter. Guide the conversation, offering praise and encouraging participants to share their experience. Offer effusive thanks for their dedicated service and provide a small gift or simple refreshments as an expression of gratitude.
- Plan a second meeting of the worship committee, evaluating the work of the first gathering. Afterward, schedule and prepare a meeting in early summer to provide training for each liturgical ministry group.
- Note the date of Pentecost and how this day will be celebrated. Is it time for an article on the website on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and what these gifts mean to each parishioner?
- Plan and implement a brunch, cookout, or dinner for the committee. Celebrate the gift of their time and talent. Select a date and time so that the entire committee can attend.
- For the next meeting, ask two members to evaluate the article "Sensory Friendly Masses Unify the Body of Christ," by Noelle Collis-DeVito, in this issue. Encourage them to share ideas for how the parish can offer a more welcoming environment to those with varying sensory needs.

## SENDING FORTH

- Ask a lector to read the first paragraph, followed by the section "Rejoice in the Risen Lord," in "Remaining Connected to Christ's Resurrected Life," by Jessica Cole, in this issue. Recite the Lord's Prayer together.
- Pray and reflect on the universal prayer (and ending) on page 203 in *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2024* (LTP). Begin and end with the sign of the cross.
- Together, pray two decades of the Rosary for the intentions of all parishioners who are hurting in mind or in body. Ask each member to finish the Rosary in the coming week.

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