

Children's Liturgy Standard Service

- *Gather the children into the room. Children sit on mats – only adults sit on chairs.*
- **OPTIONAL:** *Hand out **nametags** with children's names and introduce yourself.*
- **Pick the leaders & Write on Job Board:** *Among the older children: 1 or 2 readers, hold Stand/Sit/Kneel signs; Among younger children: carry cross, candle lighter, candle snuffer, offering.*
- **Light the candles**

STAND for Song *OPTION play slow song on DVD from VBS*

Good morning, Lord, it's a beautiful day. Good morning, Lord, I'm going your way.
Open my eyes and let me see, someone who needs a friend like me.
I know that I can surely be -- loving, caring, always sharing.
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STAND (or SIT if Gospel is part of the sermon lesson)

Gospel (or Old Testament or New Testament Lesson) Reading

Before the Gospel Reading:

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel Reading:

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon/Response

STAND for Apostles' Creed – OPTION use "Brother Francis" DVD which has animated Creed

Children repeat each segment after leader/Older child:

I believe in God / the Father almighty / creator of heaven and earth. /

I believe in Jesus Christ / his only Son, our Lord. / He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit / and born of the Virgin Mary. / He suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died, and was buried. / He descended to the dead. / On the third day he rose again. / He ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of the father. / He will come again / to judge the living and the dead. /

I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and the life everlasting. / Amen.

STAND for The Prayers of the People (pass out or hold Prayer Cards)

Ask children if there is anything they would like to pray for and allow them to answer or encourage them to remember those things in their prayers.

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord have mercy."

HOLD up CLERGY Sign: We pray for our Bishops Andrew, Dena & Jeff; for Fr. Rob, Fr. Randall and Father Brian; and everyone in our church.

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

HOLD up LEADERS Sign: We pray for the leaders of our world, so all are treated fairly and we can all live in peace.

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

HOLD up FAMILIES Sign: We pray for our families, that Your love will fill our hearts.

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

HOLD up HUNGER Sign We pray for the boys and girls and their families who are hungry, and give thanks for those who help them.

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

HOLD up LAKOTA & La ROMANA Sign We pray for the Lakota people of Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota; and we pray for the people of La Romana, Dominican Republic.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

HOLD up SICK OR SAD Sign We pray for all people who are sick or sad.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

HOLD up DIED Sign We pray for all people who have died.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

We pray all these things in communion with Blessed Mary, Mother of Jesus, Blessed Dunstan and all the saints who have loved you, and ask that we may love you, too.

Response: To you, O Lord Our God.

KNEEL for Confession:

Older child/Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

Children repeat each segment after leader.

Dear God / I am sorry that I have done things / I should not have done. /

I ask you to forgive me / for hurting others and those I love. / Please help me to do better. /

Thank you God, for your love. / Amen.

Prayer of Thanks:

Leader: Dear God, we know you want what is best for us and you want us to try to do what is right. We thank you for the forgiveness you give us through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

STAND for Passing the Peace:

Gather the children in a circle crossing their right arm over their left arm and holding their neighbors hands. Have one begin a gentle hand squeeze that will be passed from one hand to the next around the circle back to the beginning. Then respond with the following:

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response: And also with you.

Then, everybody turns to the right and lifts their hands over their heads and twists out of the circle...signifying going out into the world to do the work which God has given us to do.

Birthday Song

Ask the children if any of them have a birthday in the next week. If a child has a birthday, have them come to the front of the room and sing the birthday song to them.

Happy Birthday to you / Happy Birthday to you /

Dear Jesus bless _____ / Happy birthday to you.

Birthday Prayer:

Jesus, watch over _____. Help him/her/them to grow strong and to follow you all his/her/their life. **Amen.**

Offering – Explain that the offering will go to help children living in the country of the Dominican Republic – to buy water filters so they and their families will have clean water to drink. In the summer our church sends adults & youth on a mission trip to the D.R. and will use our Children's Liturgy offering money to buy water filters and other supplies for their mission work. Take up offering.

Songs / coloring sheets, etc. until time to leave.

Other notes of instruction:

- *Ushers will come from the 9:01 and the 9:00 services to give you a **five minute warning**.*
- *Hand out any take home items to the children, put the nametags back, pick up mats & prayer cards.*
- *The children can line up at the door behind the Cross & Offering to return to the Nave/Parish Hall.*
- ***9:00** - The Acolyte Master on Duty will help with the procession to altar of Cross & offering. In **9:01** service, one adult needs to stay at the back of the Parish Hall to help child bring up offering (Cross stays at back of Parish Hall).*
- *The rest of the children can return to their parents.*