

Advent Liturgy of the Eucharist



Prayer Space:

Make sure that you have a focal point in the gym or library where you will gather. This is a solemn service. Have quiet music playing as students enter to create reflective atmosphere.

Prayer table:

- **purple** cloth on it.
- a large pillar **candle**,
- a **Bible (Book of Gospels)**
- **Advent Wreath off to the side on a separate table. Make sure candles are lit for the appropriate week**

Introduction:

Today, we come together as a school community to continue our preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We are called to rejoice in the Lord. Therefore, let us gather now in prayer as we continue to prepare the way of the Lord.

Entrance Song: _____

First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:47-48, 49-50, 53-54

The Response is: My soul rejoices in the Lord

My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed. *R.*

For the Mighty One has done great for me,
And holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
From generation to generation. *R.*

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things
And sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
In remembrance of his mercy. *R.*

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection:

In the readings that we just heard, we learn of Mary and John the Baptist, both exemplary witnesses of Faith.

Mary says, yes to the call to become the Mother of God. She will spend her life at His side, right to the foot of the cross.

John the Baptist is the voice crying out in the wilderness, baptizing in the name of the Lord. Not a saviour but a saver, who leads others to God.

Think about how you can be more like Mary and John in your preparations for the wonderful Feast of Christmas.

Prayers of the Faithful: (Petitions)

Response: "Come Lord Jesus"

While we are waiting for you, help us to show our love to the people around us. We pray to the Lord. **R**

May we become more like Jesus by doing good deeds for others. We pray to the Lord. **R**

May we show Jesus how much we love him by the things we say and do. We pray to the Lord. **R**

May all people be filled anticipation, and joy as we wait for your coming. We pray to the Lord. **R**

For those who are less fortunate than us. May they too find the peace and happiness that they deserve. We pray to the Lord. **R**

For the students and families of our school community. May we all have a joyful Christmas. We pray to the Lord. **R**

Offertory Song: _____

Communion Song: _____

Closing Song: _____