

End of Year Liturgy

Youth - Eucharistic Liturgy

Journeying Forward With God



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Please Note:

Elements of this Liturgy may be adapted for a Liturgy of the Word or School Assembly or Class Prayer.

For online videos that may be relevant to this resource, please view our *Emmaus Online Video Library Index* on our New Resources/Calendar page by following this link: <http://liturgyritualprayer.com/new-resources>

Preparation for the Liturgy:

- An Opening and Closing Prayer has been included
- A suitable Eucharistic Prayer (eg. for Various Needs) can be selected by the presider.
- A sacred space consisting colourful material is suggested. This can be added to, as indicated by the procession of symbols during the Introduction.
- A prayer for those leaving has also been included during the concluding rite. Following this prayer, those leaving could be presented with candles as a symbol of the Christ light.
- For the Mass Parts, choose a music setting familiar to the students.
 - Suggestions include:
 - **Rivers Youth** – emmanuelworship
 - OR **Mass of Glory & Praise** – Paul Mason
 - OR **Mass of Celebration** – Michael Mangan

Introductory Rite

Introduction:

Reader: God of our beginnings and endings, we celebrate all we have shared this year. Together, let us reflect on the importance of this year - its highlights and challenges and the opportunities that we have had for personal and professional growth. As we gather, let us take a moment to rest in silence, and place ourselves in the presence of our loving God. Let us quiet our minds, still our bodies, and ready our hearts. May the power of your presence bless our time of gathering here together.

(Pause for a moment of silence).

Loving God, open our eyes on the journey, that we may follow you.
A student/staff member processes forward a candle, and lights it.

Open our imagination on the journey to comprehend your identity.
A student/staff member processes forward a cross.

Open our hands on the journey to do your work.

A student/staff member processes forward some greenery or a vine.

Open our hearts on the journey to hold your Spirit, and let your love flow.

A student/staff member processes forward a jug full of water.

Open our minds on the journey to know your voice.

A student/staff member processes forward a Bible/Book of the Gospels.

I invite you to stand now as we join in singing our gathering hymn.

Entrance Hymn & Procession:

Great Things (Matt Maher – As One Voice: Next Generation)

Holy Is His Name (John Michael Talbot – Spirit & Song)

Alleluia! Love Is Alive (Angrisano, Manibusan and Hart – Spirit & Song)

Penitential Rite:

Presider: Dear friends, let us call to mind the times when we have fallen short of being our best possible selves.

All: Lord Jesus, you give us life. Lord, have mercy.
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Presider: Christ Jesus, you give us love. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: Lord Jesus, you bring us healing. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Presider: Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God,

In your graciousness, you keep us close to you.

Free in mind and body, help us to continue to share the Good News with all people on our journey.

We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Eph 3:14-20

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord Is My Light** (Michael Mahler – As One Voice: Next Generation)

Gospel Acclamation: *As per the selected Mass setting.*

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful:

Presider: Let us turn now to our heavenly Father as we pray for our needs.

Reader: We pray for our staff. Help them to remember the lives they have touched, the relationships they have nurtured, the challenges they have faced, and the obstacles they have overcome. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our students. During these holidays, may they be safe and embrace the spirit of the Christmas season until they return refreshed and rejuvenated for the next phase of their schooling journey. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in our community who suffer in mind or body from pain, anguish, anxiety, or who lack the necessities for life. May we gather as one to support them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all those who are leaving us at the end of the year: May God continue to go with them as their journey unfolds in the future. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Loving God, we bring all our prayers and desires before you. May we continue on our journey trusting in your loving providence. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts:

Bread of Life (Bobby Fisher – Spirit & Song)

Here I Am To Worship (Tim Hughes – Ultimate Collection)

I Am The Bread of Life (Steve Angrisano – High Above Our Way)

Eucharistic Prayer

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion:

The Emmaus Song (Monica Brown – Praise & Blessings)

Come To The Table (John Angotti – As One Voice: Next Gen)

To Be Your Bread (David Haas – As One Voice)

Prayer after Communion: *As in the Missal, or the following as an alternative:*

Presider: Let us pray.
Compassionate God,
We lift our hearts in praise for the beauty of our world.
May the strength given to us through this sacred meal that we have
shared transform us to bring the Christ light to our world.
We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing Over Those Leaving:

Those leaving are invited to stand. All are invited to extend their hands over them as the presider prays:

Presider: Lord our God, in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
You sent us your son to teach us by Word and example
that true wisdom comes from you alone.
Send your Spirit upon these people
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that, as they journey into the future,
they may continue to devote themselves, to sharing the Good News
of your love, bringing truth and knowledge to the minds of those in
their care.
May they always continue to follow in the example of Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth and the life, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

If a presentation of candles is to occur, those leaving could be presented with candles here.

Final Blessing & Dismissal:

Presider: May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

Presider: The Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn:

A Rightful Place (Steve Angrisano – A New Day)

Go Light Your World (Chris Rice – Spirit & Song)

Companions on the Journey (Carey Landry: As One Voice: Vol 1)

During the Recessional Hymn, the symbols in the sacred space could be processed out, or left in the space.