

<b>The Holy Eucharist, Part 1: The Liturgy of the Word</b>
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**1) Opening Hymn** (usually something upbeat and joyful to gather the people and focus our attention on God).

*\*Plan how you'd like the service to start:*

Procession?

Yes / No

Why?

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Incense?

Yes / No

Why?

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**2) Opening Prayers:** to praise God and ask God to be with us as we worship

**3) Song of Praise - 2 options \* *pick one***

\_\_\_\_\_ Kyrie (asking God to forgive us)

\_\_\_\_\_ Gloria (praising God and remembering what God has done for us)

**4) Collect of the Day:** a specific prayer for each Sunday of the year.

\* Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany: find it in the Book of Common Prayer

**5) First Reading** - from the Old Testament (the story of God's relationship with Israel, before Jesus).

*\* Find a Bible, look over these stories, and pick the one that most speaks to you:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 11:1-9 (the Tower of Babel)

\_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 14:21-31 (the Crossing of the Red Sea)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ezekiel 37:1-14 (the Dry Bones)

**6) Psalm** - also from the Old Testament. Psalms are poetry!

*\*Find a Bible or a Prayer Book and pick the Psalm you like the best:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 23

\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 130

\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 150

**7) New Testament Reading** - remember the New Testament is divided up into 2 parts: a) the Gospels (the stories about Jesus) and b) everything else. This reading is from *everything else*.

*\*Find a Bible, look over these stories, and pick the one that most speaks to you:*

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

\_\_\_\_\_ Romans 8:38-39

\_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 21:1-4

**8) Gospel Procession:** every Sunday, we read a story of Jesus' life from either Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. This reading is a little bit different than the others.

We set it apart by singing a hymn and processing the Gospel book into the middle of the congregation - it's a visual sign that, in Jesus, God comes to us.

*\*Find a Bible, look over these stories, and pick the one that most speaks to you:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Luke 10:25-37

\_\_\_\_\_ John 13:2-15

\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 9:18-26

**9) Sermon:** The Bible was written a long time ago and can be hard to understand. The sermon tries to relate whatever Bible stories we've just read to our daily lives. It asks the question: what do these readings mean for us *today*? Why do they matter?

*\* Pick any of the readings you chose and write a few sentences about what they mean/why they matter:*