

## **Eucharistic Liturgy**

### **Monumental Totally Catholic VBS 2022**

Many parishes celebrate Eucharist with the Vacation Bible School participants, their families, and the parish community during this special week. Eucharist may be celebrated on the eve of the final day, for example, Thursday night, if the last day of *VBS* is on Friday, or it may be celebrated on Friday to end the *VBS* experience.

Two Eucharist options are provided. Choose one of the following options in consultation with your Presider:

- Eucharist Option One: Prepare your Eucharistic Liturgy using the readings of the day from the *Lectionary*.
- Eucharist Option Two: Prepare your Eucharistic Liturgy using readings (provided) taken from the participants' experience at *VBS*.

#### **EUCHARIST OPTION ONE**

If you choose to celebrate Eucharist using the readings of the day from the *Lectionary*, an outline to help prepare for that liturgy follows. The only music selections recommended here are those from *Monumental Totally Catholic VBS*, so consider some other music if needed, as the music should be selected according to the themes from the readings for the day.

#### **Preparation and Supplies**

- Place an announcement in the parish bulletin inviting *VBS* participant households and the parish community to the Mass.
- Choose songs based upon the readings of the day.
- Prepare the liturgical space, if desired, by displaying items from the week in an appropriate spot in the gathering space. If you have chosen to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Connecting Kids to Justice project during the week, place an appropriate display in the narthex for people to see as they enter the church.
- Invite the parish sacristan to set up for Eucharist as is the norm for the parish.
- Review the liturgy with the celebrant and share with him the points that could be considered for inclusion in the homily.
- Recruit and prepare the necessary ministers, preferably from among *VBS* participants and volunteers (preferably those already commissioned by the parish for these ministries)—readers, music ministers, hospitality ministers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and so on.
- Consider having a collection for CRS before the offertory, if deemed appropriate (e.g., the participants have not already been making donations all week).

## **Introductory Rites**

**Entrance Hymn** (Gathering or Processional): “Monumental Love” (found on the Monumental Sing and Play Music soundtrack) or other songs suitable for the readings of the day.

### **Collect (Opening Prayer)**

Use the opening prayer for the day.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

Readers proclaim the readings of the day; celebrant proclaims the Gospel of the day and offers a homily

### **Homily**

- If the readings lend themselves to it, consider connecting to themes such as celebrating God’s awesome power. As children of God we are God’s awesome treasure. God loves us no matter what, God is with us wherever we go, God is in charge, God is stronger than anything, and His love is surprising. Jesus shows us God’s love by giving his very life for us.

In this year’s VBS, we focused on aspects of our Catholic Tradition that remind us of how awesome God is, including the Sacrament of Matrimony (God loves us no matter what), Sacramentals (God is with you everywhere), Genuflection (God is in charge), Baptismal garment (God is stronger than anything), and Miracles (God is surprising ). God wants us to remember how much he loves us and to share with others the message that God loves them, too.

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

After the intercessions listed below, add any specific intentions for the VBS participants, their families, or the community in general. After each petition, please respond with, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For Church leaders, that they may be reminders of God’s love and good shepherds to God’s people, we pray to the Lord.

For leaders of all countries, that they love others by caring for their people, we pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the suffering, especially those suffering from hunger, we pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick and dying, for hope, healing, and trust in God’s love and mercy, we pray to the Lord.

For all who serve this parish as leaders, especially those who helped out with VBS this week, we pray to the Lord.

For all those gathered here. May we proclaim God's love to others, walking together in faith, we pray to the Lord.

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

#### **Preparation of the Altar**

Use the prayer for the day from the *Roman Missal*.

Music option: "Great is Thy Faithfulness " (found on the Monumental Sing and Play Music soundtrack).

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Consider using the "Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs II: God Guides His Church along the Way of Salvation."

#### **Communion Rite**

##### ***Communion Chant Suggestions***

Choose a song to sing during the Communion Rite from the parish repertoire. After the Communion procession is complete and the assembly has had time for silent reflection, you may want to have the participants sing "Nothing That Can Separate Me" (found on the Monumental Sing and Play Music soundtrack).

##### ***Prayer after Communion***

Use the prayer after communion for the day.

##### ***Announcements***

If you would like the VBS participants to share some of their experiences from the week, now would be an appropriate time to do so.

### **Concluding Rites**

Depending on your presider and local liturgical practice, either use a blessing from the *Roman Missal* or the following:

At the end of each blessing, we can all respond, "Amen."

May God bless you with eyes to see his love and care even in difficult times. Amen.

May God bless you with courage so that you can share your story and help others to know God's love in their lives. Amen.

May God bless you with compassion and forgiveness, so you might see the needs of others and share God's forgiveness with them. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

**Closing Song:** "How great is Our God " (found on the Monumental Sing and Play Music soundtrack), or another song selection of your choice.

## **EUCHARIST OPTION TWO**

This celebration uses readings that Celebrate God's Greatness and his love and care us. This week's VBS message is that God loves us no matter what, is with us wherever we go, is in charge, is stronger than anything, and is surprising.

### **Preparation and Supplies**

- Place an announcement in the parish bulletin inviting VBS participant households and the parish community to the Mass.
- Review music and add local parish selections as needed.
- Decorate the worship space, if desired, by displaying items from the week in an appropriate spot in the gathering space.
- If you have chosen to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Connecting Kids to Justice project during the week, place an appropriate display in the narthex or welcome area for people to see as they enter the church.
- Invite the parish sacristan to set up for Eucharist as is the norm for the parish.
- Review the liturgy with the celebrant and share with him the points that could be considered for inclusion in the homily.
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### **Introductory Rites**

**Entrance Hymn:** "Monumental Love " (found in the *Sing and Play* Music collection) or other gathering song of your choice.

### **Collect**

*Roman Missal:* see the prayer for the day if it aligns, or ask your presider to choose one.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Readings**

- First Reading: Josuha 3:7-10 (Note: This reading can be found in the Lectionary for Year A, 19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time) [Lectionary 416] )
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66.5 (Note: This reading can be found in the Lectionary for Year A , 19<sup>th</sup> week in ordinary time) [Lectionary 415] )
- Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

- Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 (Note: This reading can be found in the Lectionary for Year C, Easter Vigil [Lectionary 41])

## **Homily**

Suggest the celebrant include the following points in the homily:

- Encourage the participants to remember that, as they learned during the *VBS* experiences of this week, that God is awesome and great, God loves us no matter what, God is with us wherever we go, God is in charge, God is stronger than anything, and His love is surprising. Jesus shows us God's love by giving his very life for us.
- Challenge the participants to remember what they have learned about God's love, and to share that love with others in what they say and do.

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