

Liturgical Preparation Materials for Use after a Tragedy

A pastoral resource provided by the Office for Worship, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

CHOICE OF MASS

Masses for Various Needs and Occasions

- 20. For a Spiritual or Pastoral Gathering
- 48. In Any Need, Options A, B, & C

Votive Masses

- 2. The Mercy of God
- 8. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Brothers and Sisters, we gather this day as people of faith, with hope in God's loving mercy, and sorrow for all who suffer.

PENITENTIAL ACT

All things in heaven and earth were made for you and through you: Lord, have mercy...
You lead us to salvation through your death and Resurrection: Christ, have mercy...
You remain in us through the love we share: Lord, have mercy...

READINGS

Readings from the Lectionary for Mass, Volume IV:

Mass for Peace and Justice, Lectionary nos. 887-891

Mass for Any Need, Lectionary nos. 938-942

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

All Will be Well	WLP; Steven Warner
Amazing Grace	Public Domain
Be Still, My Soul	FINLANDIA; Music: Sibelius; Text: von Schlegel
Canticle of Mercy	WLP; Michael Perza
Christ Be Our Light	OCP; Bernadette Farrell
Christ in Me Arise	OCP; Trevor Thomson
Day of Peace	OCP; Janet Sullivan Whitaker
Dona Nobis Pacem	Traditional

For the Healing of the Nations
Healing River of the Spirit
Jesus the Lord
Lead Kindly Light
My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines
O God Our Help in Ages Past
There is a Longing
You Are the Healing
You Are All We Have

Hope Publishing; 87 87 87
Pilgrim Press; 87 87 D; Text: Ruth Duck
OCP; Roc O'Connor, SJ
WLP; Steven Warner
Text: Public Domain; Tune: RESIGNATION
Hope Publishing; (LMD) Carl P Daw
Public Domain
OCP; Anne Quigley
OCP; Scott Soper
GIA; Francis Patrick O'Brien

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL)

Presider: Heavenly Father, with hope in Your loving mercy, and sorrow for those who suffer, we call out to you in our need.

- For the Church: that we may be a sign of Christ's compassion and love for one another, we pray...
- For civic leaders, emergency personnel, and all who risk their lives to ensure our safety: that they may dwell in the shadow of the Lord and be sheltered by His protection, we pray...
- For those who have been injured in the recent tragedy, especially ____: that God's love will sustain them as they heal from this trauma and devastation, we pray...
- For those whose lives are forever changed by grief and loss: that they may be assured of Christ's closeness to them in their sorrow and find strength and comfort through their faith in Jesus our Risen Savior, we pray...
- For this gathered assembly: that we may remember at all times, but especially now as we are shaken by this tragedy, that we are surrounded by God's unfailing love, we pray...

Presider: God of mercy and compassion, help us never to doubt your power and love, even during a tragedy like this.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance, therefore at least four candles are lit at the altar and incense used.

EXPOSITION

A suitable hymn may be sung as the priest or deacon prepares the Holy Eucharist for adoration.

Hymn suggestions:

O Saving Victim
See Us, Lord, About Your Altar
O Sacrament Most Holy
Adoro Te Devote/Godhead Here in Hiding

A brief greeting and introduction to the Holy Hour can be given.

ADORATION

Silent prayer for 10-15 minutes

Reading from Scripture:

The following are some possible choices for Scripture Readings:

Wisdom 9:9-11, 13-18 – *Lectionary #790, Option 6*
Isaiah 49:8-15 – *Lectionary #995, Option 4*
Philippians 4:6-9 – *Lectionary #888, Option 1*
Ephesians 4:30-5:2 – *Lectionary #898, Option 2*
James 4:1-10 – *Lectionary #898, Option 3*
Matthew 5:1-12a – *see Lectionary #891, Option 1*
Matthew 11:25-30 – *see Lectionary #1000, Option 1*

Homily *(if desired)*

Silent Prayer *(for 10-15 minutes)*

Prayers of Intercession *See sample prayers above.*

Silent Prayer *(for 10-15 minutes)*

BENEDICTION

A suitable Eucharistic hymn is sung. (See suggestions above.)

Afterwards the minister rises and sings or says one of the usual prayers before Benediction given in the Rite of Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass, e.g.:

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood

help us to experience the salvation you won for us

and the peace of the kingdom

where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. Amen

After the prayer, the priest or deacon puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. He makes the sign of the cross over the people with the ciborium in silence.

The Divine Praises might then be said or sung.

The minister replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Meanwhile, a suitable song may be sung, and the minister then leaves.