

The deacon or priest says:

“A reading from the holy Gospel, according to ...”

He makes the sign of the cross on the Book of the Gospels, on his forehead, lips and heart.

The people make the sign of the cross on their foreheads, lips and hearts.

At the end, the deacon or priest says: The Gospel of the Lord.

The people respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone sits down to listen to the homily. The priest will talk about the readings to help people to understand them and think about how they are living in God’s way.

After the homily everyone prays the Creed, expressing their faith.

This part of the liturgy ends with the Prayer of the Faithful. This asks for God’s love and mercy for the Church and the World.



Liturgy of the Word with Children

In some parishes, children have their own Liturgy of the Word. The priest gives them a children’s Bible, and they go out with the catechists. They come back in time to join in the presentation of the gifts.

