

# Celebration of the Word

**“For where two or three  
are gathered together in my name, there am I  
in the midst of them.”** Matthew 18:20



**Summer 1**

## Guide to Collective Worship

This structure is based on how God's Word is incorporated into the Mass. We aim to mirror this so the children recognise the continuity of worship between school and Church.

Where possible read Scripture from The Bible. When it is time to read the Scripture, make a reverent show of the Bible. Carry it above your head, with respect, walking it from the prayer table to the chosen focus point in the classroom. If you are reading from the booklet, place it inside the Bible so it is clear from where the Word comes.

<b>When the Scripture is from a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)</b>	<b>When the Scripture is from elsewhere in the Bible (Old Testament, New Testament except for the Gospels)</b>
Sing 'Alleluia'	Quiet music or silence
The Lord be with you. <b>And with your spirit.</b>	
A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...	A reading from ...
Making a small sign of the cross on your forehead, lips and heart: <b>May the Word of the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart.</b>	
Lead: The Gospel of the Lord. <b>Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</b>	Lead: The Word of the Lord. <b>Response: Thanks be to God</b>



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<u>Focal area and creating a sacred space</u>	<u>Use this section to make your own notes</u>
<p>Key message: <b>Recognising Jesus</b></p> <p>Focal points:</p> <p>How will you gather to create a sacred space?</p> <p>Music: <b>Walk with me oh my Lord</b> by Estelle White</p> <p>Seating Arrangement:</p>	

### The Liturgy itself

<u>How will you gather?</u>	<u>Use this section to make your own notes</u>
<p>How will we gather:</p> <p>How will we process the gospel:</p>	

### Opening prayer

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Sometimes we feel upset or unsure - just as the disciples we will hear about today did. Let us open our hearts and minds today so that we are ready to hear God's Word.

**Amen.**

### Word of God

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



## **Reflect**

As two of Jesus' friends were walking along the road, they were talking about how they felt very upset because Jesus had died. They didn't really understand why this had happened and they were sad because they thought that everything that they had been experiencing with Jesus was now over.

Suddenly, a man joined them on the road. At first the disciples didn't recognise Him – they didn't realise that it was Jesus. The man talked with them, listened to them, and helped them understand the Bible. Later on, when the disciples and the man all sat down to eat, Jesus broke the bread. This action made the disciples realise that the man was Jesus.

As soon as they recognised Him, Jesus left! The disciples were so full of joy that they instantly set off to tell the others that they had seen Him.

Sometimes, like those two friends on the road to Emmaus, we might feel confused, worried, or alone. We might even wonder where Jesus is. Jesus is always with us. Every step of our journey, every day. Even when we don't see Him right away.

He is with us when we are talking with friends, when we help others and when we share. He is present when we come together for Mass and receive His body and blood. We can recognise Him through acts of love, kindness, and sharing — just as the disciples did when He broke the bread.

## **Responding to God's Word (Action)**

How can we follow this Gospel message; open our eyes and hearts to Jesus?

- Be kind and helpful to everyone.
- Listen carefully when someone is talking - just as Jesus listened to the disciples.
- Say thank you to Jesus for everything he has blessed us with – such as our friends, family and school. It could even be a sunny day or a delicious meal.
- When we go to Mass and when we pray, pay special attention to the consecration as it reminds us that Jesus is truly with us.

## **Going forth (Mission)**

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for always walking beside us even when we do not see you. Help us to recognise you in the people around us - our friends, families and teachers. Just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus, let our hearts be full of joy as we recognise you in our lives.

Stay with us, Lord, and guide us every day.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

## **Optional ideas**

Draw a picture of where you might "see" Jesus today – at school, home or in prayer. Think about how Jesus is with us, just as He was with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.