

Liturgy of the Word On Sunday In Exceptional Circumstances

Notes for Musicians

The guiding principle in conducting a Liturgy of the Word in an emergency situation is to keep the service as normal as possible.

- The Entrance Procession takes place as usual while the Entrance Hymn is sung.
- The third form of the Penitential Act is used, therefore, the *Lord, have mercy* is not sung.
- The *Glory to God* is sung or recited according to the custom of the place. It is omitted during Advent and Lent.
- The Responsorial Psalm is sung or recited as usual. The Gospel Acclamation is sung; otherwise it is omitted.
- A Hymn during the Collection is sung as usual. If it can be arranged at the last minute, a hymn of praise is most appropriate after the Collection. In this case, instrumental music should be played during the Collection.
- the Eucharistic Acclamations: *Holy, Holy*, Memorial Acclamation, the *Amen*, and the Lamb of God are not sung under any circumstances.
- If Communion is distributed the Communion Hymn is sung; When Communion is not distributed the Communion Hymn is omitted.
- A Recessional Hymn is sung as the ministers leave the sanctuary.