

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

- **Lector reads from the Lectionary**
- **From the Old Testament usually**
- **From Acts of the Apostles during Easter season**
- **At the end the Lector says “The Word of the Lord.”**
 - **We respond “Thanks be to God”**



Responsorial Psalm

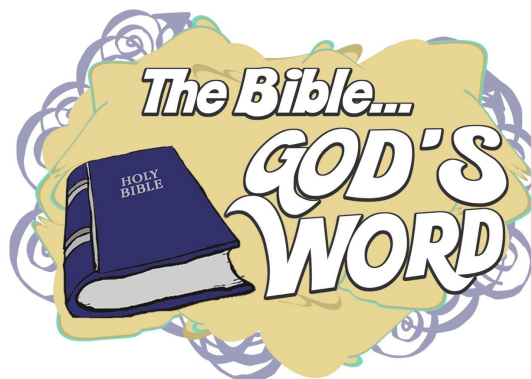
- **Lector leads in reading**
- OR**
- **Musicians lead in singing**



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Second Reading

- **Lector reads from the Lectionary**
- **From the New Testament (not the Gospels)**
- **At the end the Lector says “The Word of the Lord.”**
 - **We respond “Thanks be to God”**

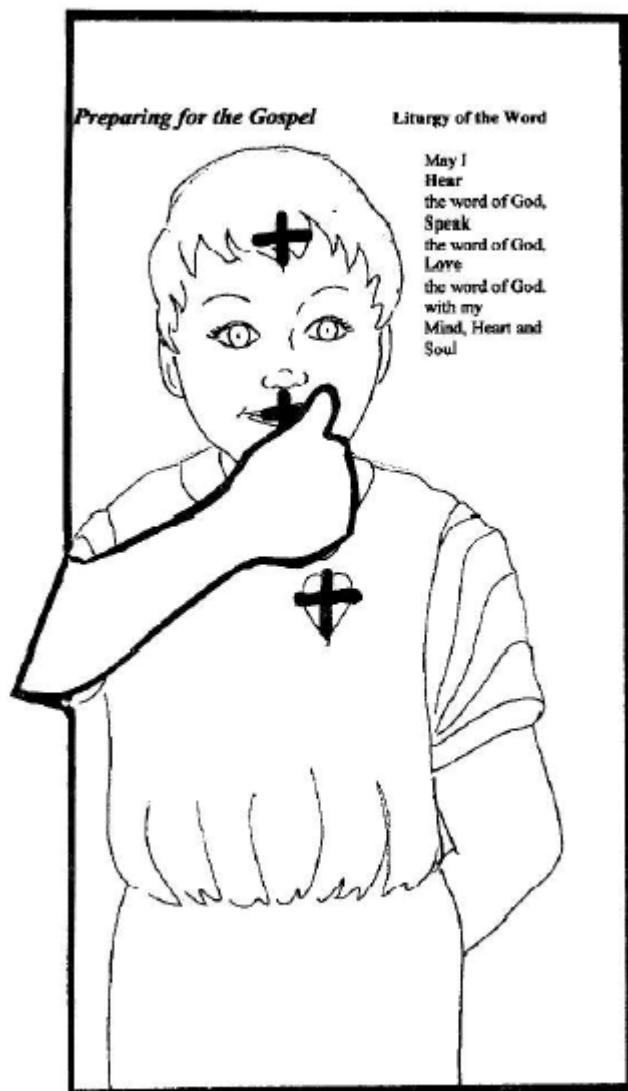


Gospel Acclamation

- **We stand and sing “Alleluia” (except during Lent)**

Gospel

- **Deacon or Father proclaims the Gospel from the Book of Gospels**
- **He says “The Lord be with you.”**
 - **We respond “And with your spirit.”**
- **He says “A reading from the holy Gospel according to ____.” (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John)**
 - **We respond “Glory to you, O Lord.”**
- **We make a little sign of the cross on our forehead, our lips, and our heart. We say to ourselves “Lord, may your Word be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.”**
- **After the reading is finished the deacon or priest says “The Gospel of the Lord.”**
 - **We respond “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”**





Bishop Joe Vasquez preaching at Confirmation Mass

Homily

- **We sit and listen to the priest or deacon explain the Bible readings to help us live what we have heard.**

Profession of Faith

- **We all stand and pray the Nicene Creed together.**
- **This is what we believe as Catholic Christians**



Prayers of the Faithful

- **The deacon or lector reads prayers.**
- **The prayers cover four areas:**
 - **For the Church**
 - **For the world**
 - **For people in need**
 - **For ourselves**
- **We respond “Lord, hear our prayer”**

