

A LITURGY

Walk With Me, oh. My Lord!

Procedure:

1. Welcoming Rites (*Hints*)

- ✓ The celebrant will welcome the participants to join Jesus and all our brothers and sisters in our common pilgrimage towards our heavenly home
- ✓ He will explain theme of the day's Mass
- ✓ The Mass is the "Meal" of the pilgrimage people....the New Passover...
- ✓ "For until the Lord comes, you proclaim his death whenever you eat this bread and drink from this cup." (1 Co. 11/26).

2. Penitential Rite:

The celebrant may use some of the following invocations or similar ones:

- For our lack of joy and enthusiasm in our walking with the Lord, in - **faith, - hope and - love** All with reply " Lord, Have Mercy".
- For our timidity to join Christ in his pilgrimage on earth. - Lord, have mercy....
- For being so slow and laggard in walking with Christ. Christ, have mercy...
- For not walking hand in hand with our brothers and sisters, for our selfishness and our disunity... - Lord has mercy...
- For not building bridges but instead walls and ivory towers. Christ, -Christ, have mercy...
- For feeling overly discouraged and frustrated when difficulties arise. - Lord, have mercy
- For lack of joy and happiness in following Jesus. Lord, have mercy...

3. Collect ' Prayer:

- ✓ Request the participants to say some short spontaneous prayers.
- ✓ The celebrant will summarize them and collect them in his prayer.

4. First Reading:

You may take any of the suggested readings below, or any other of your choice.

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| Ro. 8/35-39 | "Who, then, will separate us from the love of Christ." |
| 1 Co. 9/23-27 | "Only one wins the prize...." |
| Ph.9/12-14 | "I run straight towards the goal". |

5. Responsorial Psalm: Hymn: "Walk with me, Oh, My Lord".

- *Read the words*
- *Comment on them.*
- *Sing it with 'gusto' and devotion*

Ch. Walk with me O my Lord.
Through the darkest night and brightest day,
Be at my side O Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.

1. Some times the road seems long,
My energy is spent,
Then, Lord I think of you and
I am given strength.
2. Stones often bar my path,
And there are times I fall,
But you are always there,
To help me when I call.
3. Just as you calmed the wind,
And walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord
The storms that threaten me.
4. Help me to pierce the mists
That cloud my heart and mind
So that I shall not fear
The steepest mountain -side.
5. As once you healed the lame
And gave sight to the blind,
Help me when I'm downcast
To hold my head up high

6. **Gospel Reading:** - Walk to Emmaus. (Lk. 24/13-35)

- You may also have the Gospel story read in a dialogued, form, or mimed, or acted, or role-played.
- Give a short Homily: (Suggested ideas)
 - ✓ The disciples were mistaken...they walked in the wrong direction...away from the Lord.
 - ✓ Since they walked alone, not with Jesus, they felt sad, discouraged and dejected..
 - ✓ Then, all of a sudden, Jesus joined them yet they did not recognize him...
 - ✓ However, their hearts were burning within....
 - ✓ They quickened their pace...sadness was gone!
 - ✓ When Jesus walks with us, life becomes an adventure and a joy...with him, life is a song!
 - ✓ Jesus told us clearly that he would walk with us through life: "I'll be with you always, till the end of time. (Mt. 28/20)

- Request the Participants to spend time in silent Personal Reflection and Prayer.
- Invite them to Share their thoughts and feelings.

7. Prayers of the Faithful:

- ✓ Request the participants to make their petitions know to God and to the Group.
- ✓ As a response, let all sing or recite the following refrain:
 “I place my hand in your hand and joyously I walk, along with you, O Lord”.

8 Offertory:

- ✓ At the offertory, have ‘an offertory procession’. All will walk to the altar bringing along their hosts and /or any other offerings.
- ✓ Symbolic offerings can be very meaningful
- ✓ As the ‘offertory walk’ goes on, keep singing the hymn

I just keep trusting my Lord,
 As I walk along,
 I just trusting my Lord,
 And he gives me a song;
 Though the storm clouds darken the sky
 O'er the mountain trail,
 I just trusting my Lord,
 He will never fail.

He's a faithful friend,
 Such a faithful friend,
 I can count on him,
 To the very end.

9. Communion:

- Before Communion:
 - ✓ Explain the meaning of communion as ‘viaticum’, a Latin word signifying money and provisions, for a journey or a pilgrimage.
 - ✓ Christ’s body and blood is our ‘viaticum’...the nourishment we need on our pilgrimage to our Father’s Home.
- After communion, follow this method
 - ✓ Take the hymn. **Just a closer Walk with Thee.**
 - ✓ Read the words of the hymn.
 - ✓ Invite comments.
 - ✓ Add your own.`
 - ✓ Give a few moments for prayerful reflection.
 - ✓ Sing the hymn prayerfully.

**Just a closer walk with Thee,
 Grant it Jesus, hear my plea;**

Daily walking close to Thee
Close to Thee Lord, close to Thee.

Lord, I'm weak but you are strong;
Keep me, Jesus, from all wrong;
Make me Love as you did love,
As I walk, O Lord, close to Thee.

And when this earthly life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more
Lead me gently, safe, home,
To thy shore, Lord, to thy shore.

10. Recessional Rites: Go, the Mass is ended:

- Jesus said: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him. Whoever eats my flesh will live because of me". (Jn. 6/56-57) Add your comments: At this mass, we ate and drank the flesh and blood of Christ. He is with us now in our life's journey for days to come.
- Dismissal: "Go now and walk in peace...the Lord is with you".
- Final Blessing.
- Recessional Hymn. (*Sing any of the following hymns*)
 - " We shall Overcome"
 - " We Are One In The Spirit:
 - " Walk With Faith In Your Heart".