

LISTENING RITE
Celebration of the Word

St. Raphael Parish
November 10, 2018

FIRST EUCHARIST LISTENING RITE

Introductory Rite

GATHERING SONG AND INTRODUCTION

Cantor: As we gather to listen to God's word,
let us stand and sing our opening song,
"Blest Are They."
You will find it in the maroon hymnal at #636.

(All sing opening song.)

GREETING

Priest: Good morning and welcome to this special Listening Rite.

Let us begin as we do all things:
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Each time we come together as a Christian community, we are invited to listen to the Sacred Scriptures from the Bible, where God speaks to us.

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Before we listen to the Sacred Scriptures,
let us ask God to open our ears and our hearts.
(*Pause.*)

Loving God,
you tell us that when we listen to your words
and do what they say,
we will be happy.
Make us good listeners
and give us the strength to do what your word teaches us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Deuteronomy 30:10-14, *Lectionary for Masses with Children*)

Reader: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

(Pause.)

Moses said to the people:
“You must obey the Lord your God
and follow all the laws and commands
that are in the book of Law.
You must trust him with all your heart and soul.

“What I am commanding you today is not too hard.
It isn’t out of your reach somewhere up in the sky.
You don’t have to ask yourselves,
‘Who will go up to the sky and get it for us?
Who will bring it down and tell us what we must do?’

“What I am commanding of you
is not on the other side of the sea.
You don’t have to ask yourselves,
‘Who will cross the sea and get it for us?
Who will bring it here and tell us what to do?’
No! What I am commanding is as near as your mouth or
your heart.
All you have to do is obey.”

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Lord, be with us, with your love, be with us; all our hope is in you.]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL (Luke 10:38-42, *Lectionary for Masses with Children*)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke:

The Lord and his disciples
were travelling along and came to a village.
When they got there,
a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
She had a sister named Mary,
who sat down in front of the Lord
and was listening to what he said.

Martha was worried about all that had to be done.
Finally she went to Jesus and said,
“Lord, doesn’t it bother you that my sister
has left me to do all the work by myself?
Tell her to come and help me!”

The Lord answered,
“Martha, Martha!
You are worried and upset about so many things,
but only one thing is necessary.
Mary has chosen what is best,
and it will not be taken away from her.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Key Ideas:

- God has a message for us.
- God speaks to us through the Bible.
- We open our ears and our hearts to God’s word.

PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLES

Instruct children to come down the center aisle to receive a gift from the parish (Children's Bible Stories). Bless the children as they receive them.

Music: When We Listen

CONCLUDING RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: Dear children and parents,
we are grateful to God
for giving us the Good News in the bible.
May these bible stories teach you about God's love for you
and help you to know and to follow Jesus.

Let us stand now and pray together
in the words that Jesus taught us.
You can find the words on page 118 in the children's bible.
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Announcement: Mary will invite all to the reception in the Duffy Center.

BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Cantor: As we go forth, let us sing together "One Lord."