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As We Gather

Welcome to St. Lucy

We're happy you have chosen to worship with us today. Please take the time to introduce yourself quietly and also welcome others who will take their seats near you as they arrive.

In the final minutes before we formally begin our prayer, there is usually a general welcome, and an opportunity to quiet cell phones and other electronics. You may also want to check in on social media to let others know that you are worshipping at St. Lucy today.

All of the songs and hymns for today's worship can be found in the green Gather hymnal located in the pocket adjacent to each seat, or in the song booklets that were made available to you as you entered the worship space today.

It's been said that "singing is praying twice" and we hope you will join us fully and actively in our sung prayer.

Listening to God's Word

Following the Opening Prayer, all are seated for the Liturgy of the Word. Children from pre-school through elementary school are often invited to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word together, giving them an opportunity to hear and listen to God's Word in language more understandable for their age group.

Readings from the Old Testament, New Testament and the Gospels are proclaimed. We respond in song at the direction of the cantor between the first two readings.

Following the Gospel, all are seated for the homily.

After a period of silence, all stand and recite the Creed together. At Masses with baptisms, all renew their baptismal promises.

Our individual prayers and intentions for the day are gathered together in the Universal Prayer as we pray for the needs of the church, our country and world, the sick, and those who have died.

Giving God Thanks and Praise

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

In addition to our weekly stewardship offerings to support the ministries of the parish, and our gifts of bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ, you are welcome to bring forward non-perishable food items for our St. Lucy Food Pantry. Some shop each week for the pantry as part of their regular grocery shopping, others bring items listed in the Lucylight as they are able.

Please assist the ushers by passing the collection baskets to those alongside of you, and also behind you if necessary. Food Pantry items can be brought forward and placed in the large basket as the altar is prepared.

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer

At the Presider's invitation to "accept our sacrifice" all in the assembly stand, and offer their reply.

Since the mid 1970s, following the Second Vatican Council, and in keeping with the practice of the earliest Christians, St. Lucy has been standing throughout the entire Eucharistic Prayer. With the changes in the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, we have not been asked or expected to change our practice. Since all are standing, it is appropriate to make a profound bow following each of the Eucharistic elevations as the Presider genuflects.

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal offers several Eucharistic acclamations. Generally the acclamation is sung twice — the first time to know which acclamation; the second so all may sing it with praise.

During the Lord's Prayer, families generally join hands together, and often join hands with those seated nearby them.

As We Go Forth

Our prayer concludes following the Communion Rite. All are seated as activities, meetings, and ministries occurring in the coming week are announced.

Sometimes recognitions of significant birthdays, anniversaries and milestone achievements are also noted.

The assembly is then blessed and dismissed. All are asked to remain through the singing of the closing hymn.

As you exit church today, please return your hymnal to the seat pocket binding side first. Song booklets can be returned near the entrances for use at the next Mass. Be sure to take home a copy of the current week's LucyLight to keep abreast with all that will be happening at St. Lucy's this week. Plan to stay after for coffee and conversation on our "Hospitality Sundays." Again, thanks for worshipping with us today.

Have a good week.
