

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LITURGY

But Jesus called them to him, saying, **“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God”** (Luke 18:16).





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Dear beloved in Christ

I am honoured to lend my voice and wholehearted support to the Sunday School liturgy, deeply rooted in the powerful theme "Every Conversation Matters". This theme not only underscores the significance of acknowledging, hearing, welcoming, and appreciating every individual but also highlights your integral role in the liturgical experience. It is not just an aspect of the liturgical experience; rather, it lies at the very essence of it. Imparting this concept to our children is a remarkable endeavour. The liturgy is structured around essential pillars of worship: praise, confession, ministry of the word, prayer, the Eucharist, and final blessings. Each element is pivotal in crafting a meaningful and spiritually enriching experience for all participants.

~Bishop Vicentia Lesotho

Liaison Bishop of Children and Young People Ministries



WHO AM I??

My name is

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My church is

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My Archbishop is

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My Bishop is

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My priest is

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I am a member of the

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my teacher/mentor is

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In the Bible I love the story of

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In the Bible I enjoy the book of

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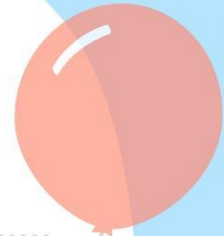
My favourite scripture is

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PROCESSION

Children's ministries

Processional chorus:

WELCOME

Presider: We gather to worship God, who created each and every child in God's own image. We gather in the name of Christ, who welcomed and blessed the children. We gather empowered by the Holy Spirit, who moves in and among us, as we work for justice. Come let us worship God.

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

COLLECT OF PURITY

Synaxis : Let us pray

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open all, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Synaxis : Lord have mercy

Synaxis: Let us confess our sins – we bring before God all the things we have said, thought and done that was wrong.

All: Almighty God, we are truly sorry, and we ask you to forgive us and help us to do always what is right.

ABSOLUTION

Presider: God of love, you are always ready to forgive. We thank you for your forgiveness, in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen

Chorus : Jesus loves the little Children

Presider : For Young People

Father of everlasting compassion you see your children growing up in an uncertain world. Show them the path of life enable them to triumph over failure and frustrations to hold fast their Faith in you and to keep alive their joy in your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading : 2 Samuel 18: 5-9,15 31-33

Psalm (For children; let's read a poem from Special prayers)

Bless the Little Ones

The smallest voice

With the biggest hearts

Pray to the Lord Most High.

Bless them, Father,
For they know what they want.
They want your glory.

With all their hearts,
They pray hard,
To heal the sick.

To save the ones
Who need help
In the snares of the dark.

Bless the little ones
For they have
The purest of hearts
That we all yearn to have.

Second Reading : Ephesians 25: 5-2

Gradual Chorus

Gospel Reading : John 6: 35, 41-51

Homily

CHILDREN'S CREED

I believe in God , the Father
I believe in Jesus, God's Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Father, Son and the Holy Spirit
We Praise you!

PRAYERS

For Sunday school teachers

God of Creation, you have gifted these teachers with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity. We pray you would fill them With the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit. Fill them with energy and insight into your Word, The story of Your faithful heart.

For children

Build children Lord, who will be strong enough to know they are weak, brave enough to face themselves when they are afraid, and humble enough to confess their pride. May they know that to know you, is to know life. May they discern that with the power of Jesus, they have the strength to face anything and everything.

For parents and caretakers

Strengthen them in mind and body. Provide for their needs. Let them continue walking with you in grace and growing in Your wisdom. You have blessed them with the joy and care of children, may children experience security, peace and purpose through them.

Amen!

PEACE

Synaxis : Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All : Peace be with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Choruses :

Prayer for Presentation of Gifts

Faithful Father, thank you for the gifts of eternal life. Everything we have is a gift from you. We bring our offerings to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

EUCHARIST PRAYER

Celebrant : The Lord be with you

All : And also with you

Celebrant : Lift up your hearts

All : We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All : It is right to give him thanks and praise

Celebrant : Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

All : **We give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us**

Celebrant : God the Father created the Heavens, the earth and everything in them : created us in his own image

All : **Let us give Him thanks and praise**

Celebrant : Christ our Lord became human like us and died to save us.

All : **Let us give Him thanks and praise**

Celebrant : God sent the Holy spirit to gather us together as the people of God.

All : **Let us give Him thanks and praise**

Celebrant : So come, let us join together to worship this God who loves us

All : **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant : Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood

Celebrant : We praise you that before he suffered and died, our saviour gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he comes again.

All : **Why do we eat bread together at this table ?**

Celebrant : On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: " Take, eat.....this is my body this in remembrance of me."

All : **Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?**

Celebrant : in the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup saying: " This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood....poured out for the you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

All : **What do we remember at this table?**

Celebrant : We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us and the spirits tender care for us. So let us proclaim the mystery of faith

All : **Christ has died, Christ is risen , Christ will come again.**

Celebrant : In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup.

We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy spirit.

Lord, remember your church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with N our bishop, and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages.

May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all the glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's prayer

Our father in heaven hallowed be your Name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Celebrant : Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and one another.

All : Amen!

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant : The bread which we break is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

All : We who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God : have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us peace

THE COMMUNION

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord

Trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that we may evermore dwell in Him and he in us.

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION CHORUSES

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Celebrant : Eternal God, comfort of the hurt and healer of the broken you have fed us at the table of life and hope. Teach us the way of gentleness and peace, and make us the ministers of your compassion; that all the world may acknowledge the reign of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All : **Father Almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Prayer for Africa

God bless Africa

Protect our Children

Transform our leaders

Heal our communities

Restore our dignity

And give us peace

For Jesus Christ's sake

Amen !

BLESSINGS

Go forth knowing that you are a precious child of God. Go forth to cherish every child of God. Go forth to protect and seek justice for children, and the communion of the spirit whom Jesus called the Advocate, be with you and every child of God, this day forth and forever more. Amen!

RECESSION CHORUS

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty

There's nothing my God cannot do

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty

There's nothing my God cannot do

The mountains are His, the rivers are His

The stars are His handiwork too

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty

There's nothing my God cannot do, hey, hey

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OFFICER

Dear Precious Children of God, today we celebrate the kingdom of God through you. You are amazing in everything that you do, you are blessings and a light that shines in this dark world. Go out there and be faithful servants of God by shining your light to the people who are living in darkness. Celebrate yourselves for you are amazing and don't forget to pray at all times. God bless!!!

~ Nthabeleng Lesitsi

Thank you !!! God is good, all the time

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