**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**You will need:**

* cloth (colour of the season)
* white felt circle cut into four quadrants - see quadrant templates on RE online

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3

4

* 10 peg people, 1 priest (white material to represent alb with material the color

of the season to represent chasuble and stole)

* bible
* bread on a plate
* grape juice in chalice/wine glass
* cards: Liturgy of the Eucharist, Preparation of the Gifts, Eucharistic Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer, Sign of Peace, Communion, Thanksgiving after Communion (see below)

*Lay**seasonal cloth down Place the quadrants on top of the underlay to form a circle as in illustration above.*

*Place the peg figures, including the priest, around the circle facing inwards to represent the community gathered. Trace your finger around the circle as you say:*

**When we celebrate Mass we come together as the community of God.**

*Point to each quadrant as you say:*

**We can look at the Mass as being made up of four parts.**

*Encourage students to join with you in the following summary of the four parts of the Mass.*

*Hold the card ‘Introductory Rites’ as you say:*

**The first part, called the Introductory Rites, gathers us together into the community that is the Body of Christ.**

*Place Introductory Rites card in quadrant 1.*

*Show the card ‘Liturgy of the Word’ as you say:***The second part is called the Liturgy of the Word.***Place it in quadrant 2.*

*Hold up the Bible as you say.*

**During the Liturgy of the Word we listen to the Scriptures, the Word of God.**

*Place the open bible in quadrant 2.*

*Hold the card ‘Liturgy of the Eucharist’ as you say:*

**The third part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist we remember what Jesus said and did during the Last Supper. We give thanks to God and we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.**

*Place the Liturgy of the Eucharist card in quadrant 3.*

*Hold the card ‘Preparation of the Gifts’ as you say:*

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins when the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. We sometimes call this the Offertory Procession.**

*Place the Preparation of the Gifts card in quadrant 3 below Liturgy of the Eucharist card.*

*Hold the card ‘Eucharistic Prayer’ as you say:*

**The priest leads the Eucharistic prayer. In this prayer we give thanks for Jesus and through the work of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.**

*Place the Eucharistic Prayer card in quadrant 3 below Preparation of the Gifts card.*

*Hold bread in your hands, showing the children as you say:*

**The priest takes the bread, blesses it and says the words Jesus used at the Last Supper:**

**‘Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body which will be given up for you.’***Place the bread near quadrant 3.*

*Hold the cup of grape juice as you say:*

**The priest then takes the wine and blesses it saying the words Jesus used at the Last Supper:**

**‘Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood…’**

*Place the cup of grape juice near quadrant 3.*

*Hold the cards ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ and ‘Sign of Peace’ as you say:*

**We pray The Lord’s Prayer and share the Sign of Peace to help us prepare for Communion.**

*Place The Lord’s Prayer and Sign of Peace cards in quadrant 3 below Eucharistic Prayer card.*

*Hold the card ‘Communion’ as you say:*

**Communion is the great gift that Jesus left us. The priest says, “The Body of Christ.”**

**We say, ‘Amen’. We are really saying, ‘yes we believe we are receiving the body of Christ’. This strengthens us to become the body of Christ.**

*Place the Communion card in quadrant 3 below Sign of Peace card.*

*Hold the card ‘Prayer after Communion’ as you say:*

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist ends with the priest leading the Prayer after Communion.**

*Place the Prayer after Communion card in quadrant 3 below Communion card.*

*Point to the Liturgy of the Eucharist card as you say:*

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*Point to the people, and say*

**In the celebration of the Mass, Jesus is present in the community gathered,**

*Point to the priest, and say*

**in the priest,**

*Point to the Bible and say*

**in the Word of God**

*Point to the bread and wine and say*

**and in the bread and wine which become the Body and Blood of Christ.**

*Pause for a while before wondering with the students.*

**I wonder why we praise and thank God for Jesus.**

**I wonder how you feel when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.**

**I wonder what you could say to Jesus after receiving Him in Holy Communion.**