

# 6. Glorify the Lord by your life

## The Concluding Rites

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



**In spirit and in truth**  
material for small groups

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**Welcome**



**Listen to Scripture**

What word, phrase or image strikes you in this passage?

## Listen to Scripture

**T**he eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28: 16-20

# Our Experience

- How do you feel when you come out of Mass?
- In what ways does your time at Mass influence the rest of your week?
- How has the group's responses to the new translation developed over its time together?

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**How do you feel when you come out of Mass?**

*Possible responses*

- Hopeful
- Charged up
- Glad to see and catch up with friends
- I like to remain behind for some moments of quiet prayer by myself.

*Possible supplementary questions:*

- Next question

**In what ways...?**

*Possible responses*

- Phrases from the readings, homily, music come back to me during the week.
- Meeting the people I have prayed for
- I am part of a group that looks at next Sunday's readings and so there can be connections/

*Possible supplementary questions:*

- Next question

**How has the group's responses...?**

*Possible responses*

- Sometimes it hard to remember what the previous text we used was
- I keep hearing new phrases
- I am not used to some bits yet

*Possible Supplementary Questions*

- What has been most surprising about the experience of praying the Liturgy using the new translation of the Order of Mass?
- What have you found encouraging? What have you found difficult?



## Read & reflect

### 1. Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*Or:*

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 2. Documentation

217 After the Communion Rite, the Mass closes with a brief Concluding Rite. Its purpose is to send the people forth to put into effect in their daily lives the Paschal Mystery and the unity in Christ which they have celebrated. They are given a sense of abiding mission, which calls them to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

219 Just as the introductory comments by the priest at the beginning of the celebration may help the assembly to a better appreciation and experience of the mysteries celebrated in the Eucharist, so also the pastoral announcements at the end may help the people make the transition from worship into renewed Christian witness in society. They should help people become aware of the faith life and pastoral activity of the community, and invite participation in the ongoing work of the Church.

222 The greeting The Lord be with you helps the assembly to focus attention again on the prayerful aspect of the blessing

225 The Dismissal sends the members of the congregation forth to praise and bless the Lord in the midst of their daily responsibilities.

Celebrating the Mass

## For Discussion

- Do you have a preference amongst the choices of words used for the Dismissal?
- Who do you know who 'glorifies the Lord' by their life?

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**Do you have a preference?**

*Possible responses*

- I like the simplicity of “go in peace”; what else is there to do
- ‘Glorify the Lord’ - It reminds me of something Archbishop Romero said.
- In some ways all of them — the abruptness of them — a sense now get on with it

*Possible supplementary questions:*

- Why?

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**Who do you know...?**

*Possible responses*

- The people who work in the refuge
- My mother in her care home
- It is not what you do but something about the attitude you bring.

*Possible supplementary questions:*

- How does participating in the Mass help you recognise and commit to the mission of a Christian community, such as the one to which you belong?
- How might you do this in small ways?

In spirit and in truth



## Act

See Notes.



## Prayer

See Notes.

### Gather

- Light a candle(s) and/or time of silence:  
*In the name of the Father...  
Let us begin our time of prayer  
with a few moments silence.*
- Sing a song or chant about the Church, Mission, Thanksgiving, or being sent forth

### Listen

- to Matthew reading again

### Respond

- Time of silent reflection
- Invite people to name concerns for prayer.  
Pray for some of the people and groups who have come in the discussion
- The Lord's Prayer

### Sending Forth

- Use the blessing text.

## Act:

- How does the community reach out to and stand up for others in matters of justice and compassion? Can you take part in this in some way (in family life, in community service of some description, in the way you conduct yourself at work?)

## Prayer

May the God of all consolation  
order our days in his peace  
and grant us the gifts of his blessing.  
R. Amen.

May he free us always from every distress  
and confirm our hearts in his love.  
R. Amen.

So that on this life's journey  
we may be effective in good works,  
rich in the gifts of hope, faith and charity,  
and may come happily to eternal life.  
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on us and remain with us for ever.  
R. Amen.

cf. Order of Mass: Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time 4