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# Unit 2 • We Worship



What signs of  
God's love do these  
pictures show?

# Getting Ready

## What I Have Learned

*What is something you already know about these three faith terms?*

Liturgy

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Paschal Mystery

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Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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## Words to Know

*Put an X next to the faith terms you know. Put a ? next to faith terms you need to know more about.*

### Faith Vocabulary

- ☐ liturgy
- ☐ manna
- ☐ Sacraments of Healing
- ☐ Sacraments at the Service of Communion
- ☐ holiness
- ☐ Exodus
- ☐ Paschal Mystery

## Questions I Have

*What questions would you like to ask about the Sacraments of Healing?*

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## A Scripture Story



Jesus healing a young girl

*Why did Jesus heal the young girl?*

# Celebrating God's Love for Us

# 11

## We Pray

Give praise to the  
LORD God.

Great are his works.

BASED ON PSALM 111:1, 2

**Father, all life, all  
holiness comes from  
you through your  
Son, Jesus Christ,  
by the working  
of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*What are some ways  
you work together with  
others?*

Family members work  
together at home.  
Students and teachers  
work together.  
Members of the Church  
work together too.  
Celebrating the liturgy  
is one of the important  
works of the Church.

*What are some of the  
ways you take part in  
the liturgy?*

The blessing of the  
water used in Baptism  
at the Easter Vigil

# Blessing and Thanking God

## Faith Focus

Why does the Church gather to celebrate the liturgy?

## Faith Vocabulary

**liturgy.** The work of the Church, the Body of Christ, of worshipping God.



## The Liturgy of the Church

When the Church gathers to celebrate the **liturgy**, it is doing an important work. The word *liturgy* means “a public work,” or “work of the people.” The liturgy is the work of the Church, the Body of Christ, of worshipping God.

The liturgy is also the work of God the Holy Trinity. God the Father blesses us with the gift of the Son. Jesus the Son of God blesses us with his Body and Blood. God the Holy Spirit blesses us with the gift of God's own life and love.

The priest leads the assembly of the faithful who have gathered to worship God. The priest acts together with and in the name and person of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.





In the liturgy, the Church gathers with Jesus Christ. We both receive God's blessings and bless and give thanks to God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church prays,

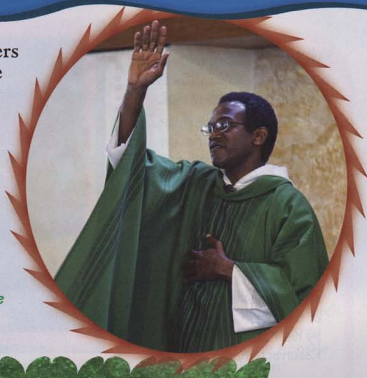
"How wonderful are you,  
LORD God.

Everyone on earth worships you  
and sings praises to you."

BASED ON PSALM 66:3, 4



How is the liturgy the work of the Holy Trinity?



### *Blessing and Thanking God*

Describe several blessings you and your family enjoy. How can you show your thanks to God for them during the week?

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## Faith Focus

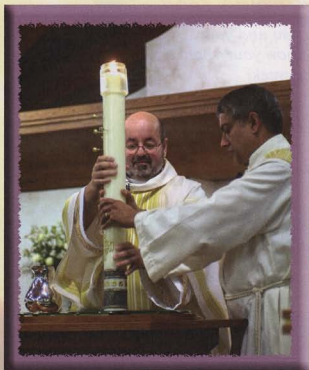
What do we remember and celebrate in the liturgy?

## Faith Vocabulary

**Paschal Mystery.** The mystery of Jesus' passing over from suffering and death to new and glorious life; Christ's work of Salvation accomplished by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.



What do you see and hear when you take part in the celebration of Mass? When you take part in the celebration of Mass, you are taking part in the celebration of the liturgy of the Church. The liturgy of the Church centers around the Eucharist and the other sacraments.



## Celebrating God's Work

Through the celebration of the liturgy, we become sharers in the saving work of Jesus Christ and in the life of God. We remember, celebrate, and share in God's work among us today.

The Church joins with Jesus to celebrate the liturgy. We remember and are made sharers in the **Paschal Mystery**. The Paschal Mystery is God's work of saving all people in Jesus Christ. It is the work of Salvation accomplished by Christ's life, Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension.

When the Church celebrates the liturgy, “remembering” has a special meaning. It means more than simply recalling what God has done for us in the past. The events of Jesus’ life, Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension are made present again. What Jesus did while he was on earth, he continues now. We join with Christ and share in his work of Salvation.



*What is the connection between the Paschal Mystery and the liturgy?*

## Faith-Filled People

### **John the Apostle**

Saint John was the youngest of the Apostles chosen by Jesus. Jesus gave John and his brother James, who was also an Apostle, the nickname “sons of thunder” (Mark 3:17). Saint John stood by the cross with Mary during the suffering and death of Jesus. The Church celebrates the feast day of Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist on December 27.

## **The Living Word of God**

*Read and think about Matthew 28:1-10. Then answer these questions.*

What is God saying about his love for us?

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What can you do to proclaim or share that good news with someone else?

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## Faith Focus

How does the Church celebrate the good news of God's love for us all year long?

## Faith Vocabulary

**liturgical year.** The Church year of worship; the seasons and feasts that remember and celebrate God's great plan of saving love.

**Triduum.** The center of the liturgical year; the three-day celebration of Jesus' Paschal Mystery beginning on Holy Thursday and continuing on Good Friday through the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday.



When we hear really good news, we want to share it with others over and over again. What good news have you shared with others? Why did you want to share it? We share the good news of God's saving love for us over and over again when we celebrate the liturgy.

## The Liturgical Year

The Church celebrates the liturgy every day of the year. This is called the **liturgical year**. The liturgical year is made up of feasts and seasons that celebrate God's great plan of saving love in Christ. These are the seasons of the liturgical year.

**Advent.** Think about a time when you waited for, or expected, something or someone. The season of Advent is a time of expectation. We wait and prepare for the coming of Jesus. We prepare for our celebration of Christ's first coming and look forward to his Second Coming at the end of time.

**Christmas.** During the Christmas season we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of all people, whom God promised to send.





**Lent.** During the season of Lent we prepare for Easter. Lent is a time to prepare to welcome new members into the Church and to renew our own baptismal promises and profession of faith.

**The Triduum.** The word *triduum* means “three days.” The **Triduum** is the center of the liturgical year. It is our three-day celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Triduum begins with the evening celebration of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and concludes with Evening Prayer, or Vespers, on Easter Sunday.

**Easter.** For fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, we continue to celebrate that Christ is risen and will come again.

**Ordinary Time.** The remaining weeks of the liturgical year are called Ordinary Time. We listen and respond to God’s word. We grow in our love for him and others.



## Our Catholic Identity

### The Angelus

The Angelus is a prayer in which we thank and praise God for Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Some Catholic churches ring their church bells at 6:00 A.M., at 12:00 noon, and at 6:00 P.M. When they do, they are following the tradition of praying the Angelus. The ringing of the bells calls us to pray during the day.



*What does the liturgical year celebrate?*

## Celebrating Seasons

*What is your favorite time of the Church year? What special things do you do during that time to show your love for God and for others?*

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# Our Church Makes a Difference

## Las Posadas

The people in Mexico celebrate Las Posadas each year during Advent. Las Posadas takes place during the eight days before Christmas. Celebrating Las Posadas helps the people get ready to celebrate the liturgy on Christmas.

Las Posadas acts out Mary and Joseph's looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem. In Mexico the people carry candles and walk in procession through the streets. Two people represent Mary and Joseph and sometimes ride on a donkey. They stop at homes and ask for a place to stay. They are turned away until a family finally welcomes them into their home.

Las Posadas reminds us that we always need to be ready to open our hearts to God's love. It is a wonderful, joyful celebration that shares the good news of God's love with everyone.



*How does your parish  
celebrate Advent and  
Christmas? How does  
your family celebrate  
Advent and  
Christmas?*




# What Difference Does Faith Make in My Life?

Each day God shares his love with you. It is good to take the time to open your heart to God's love. Thank and bless God every day for his love.

*Describe one way that you have come to know God's love. Create a prayer to thank God. Pray your prayer.*

## Thank You, God



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### My Faith Choice



This week I will thank God for his love for me. I will pray the prayer that I have written at least once a day.



## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!

*God is the source of all our blessings. At Mass on Easter Sunday we begin the Eucharistic Prayer by praying this or another Preface. We conclude the Preface with the "Holy, holy, holy Lord" acclamation. An acclamation is a prayer that honors God.*

**Leader:** Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere  
to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you with greater joy than ever  
in this Easter season,  
when Christ became our  
paschal sacrifice.

He has made us children of light,  
rising to new and eternal life.  
He has opened the gates of heaven  
to receive his faithful people.  
His death is our ransom from death;  
his resurrection is our rising to life.

The joy of the resurrection renews the  
whole world,  
while the choirs of heaven sing for ever  
to your glory.

EASTER PREFACE II

**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.  
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.

## We Remember

### What I Have Learned

Write *T* next to the true statements. Write *F* next to the false statements. Make the false statements true.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The liturgy of the Church centers around the Eucharist and other sacraments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Christmas is the center of the liturgical year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Lent is a time to prepare to welcome new members into the Church.

Use each of these faith terms correctly in a sentence.

5. liturgy

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6. Paschal Mystery

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7. liturgical year

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8. Triduum

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### To Help You Remember

- 1. The Church gathers for liturgy to worship God.
- 2. In the liturgy we are made sharers in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.
- 3. The Church celebrates and shares in God's plan of salvation all year long.

### Growing in Faith

One important thing  
I learned this week is

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This is important  
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What will people see  
me doing as I live my  
faith choice this week?

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## This Week . . .

In chapter 11, "Celebrating God's Love for Us," your child learned that the liturgy is the Church's work of worshiping God. The liturgy of the Church centers around the Eucharist and the other sacraments. In the liturgy the members of the Church gather with Christ, the Head of the Church, to remember and share in his Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery of Christ is his saving Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The Church gathers to receive God's blessing and to bless and give thanks to the Father. What Jesus did while he was on earth is made present here and now. We join with Christ all year long and share in his work of Salvation. We call the Church year of worship the liturgical year.

For more on the teachings of the Catholic Church on the liturgy, see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraph numbers 1076–1109, 1136–1186, and 1200–1206.

## Sharing God's Word

Read together Psalm 66:1–4 and Isaiah 6:1–4. Emphasize that the word *liturgy* means "work of the people." The liturgy is the Church's work of worshiping God.

## Praying

In this chapter your child prayed an acclamation. An acclamation is a prayer that honors God. Read and pray the prayer on page 148 together.

## Making a Difference

Choose one of the following activities to do as a family or design a similar activity of your own.

- After your family participates in Mass this weekend, name all the people who assisted the priest, for example, the deacon, the readers, and the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Then talk about the many ways that the assembly takes part in Mass.
- The word *eucharist* means "thanksgiving." Talk about how your family gives thanks to God.
- Invite each family member to share which of the liturgical seasons is their favorite. Ask each person to explain their answer.

For more ideas on ways your family can live your faith, visit the "Faith First for Families" page at [www.FaithFirst.com](http://www.FaithFirst.com). Click on "Current Events" this week to find an article on an especially interesting topic.





## Unit 2 Review

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### A. The Best Word

Fill in the blanks. Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences.

Service

liturgy

Initiation

Paschal Mystery

Healing

sacraments

Exodus

liturgical year

1. The \_\_\_\_\_  
is the Church's work of worshipping God.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_  
is Christ's work of Salvation accomplished by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_  
is made up of feasts and seasons that help us celebrate and share in God's great plan of saving love.
4. The Sacraments of Christian \_\_\_\_\_  
are the foundation of the Christian life.
5. Through the seven \_\_\_\_\_  
a person shares in the saving work of Jesus Christ and the life of the Holy Trinity.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_  
was the journey of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land God promised them.
7. Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are the two  
Sacraments of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Holy Orders and Matrimony are the two Sacraments at the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Communion.

## B. Sacraments

1. Put an R next to those items that relate to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Put an A next to those items that relate to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

\_\_\_\_\_ anointing with oil

\_\_\_\_\_ absolution

\_\_\_\_\_ penance

\_\_\_\_\_ prepare us for death

2. Put an H next to those items that relate to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Put an M next to items that relate to the Sacrament of Matrimony.

\_\_\_\_\_ bishops, priests,  
and deacons

\_\_\_\_\_ domestic church

\_\_\_\_\_ ordained ministers

\_\_\_\_\_ a baptized man and  
a baptized woman

## C. What I Learned

1. Name three things you learned in this unit. Share them with the group.

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2. Look at the list of words in "Words to Know" on page 138. Circle the ones you know now.

## D. From a Scripture Story

The story of Jairus's daughter invites us to believe and trust in God. Write two more ideas that you learned from this Gospel story.

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