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## Rite of Baptism

Gather the students and begin class with the Sign of the Cross.

Welcome the children to the “Baptism” of the doll. Have two children act as parents and two as godparents.

Ask the parents: What name have you given your child? Parents: *N.*

What do you ask of God’s Church for N.? Parents: *Baptism.*

Explain to the children that in asking for N. to be baptized, the parents are also responsible for raising N. in the Catholic Faith. It is their duty to help their child keep the commandments of loving God and neighbor.

Ask the parents: Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking? Parents: *We do.*

Ask the godparents: Godparents, are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers? Godparents: *We are.*

Liturgy of the Word: Read the baptism of Jesus: Lk 3:2b–22.

Intercessions: R/ *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for N. who will be baptized here today. R/

We pray for N.’s parents. Help them to raise N. according to the Faith. R/

We pray for N.’s godparents, may they support N.’s parents in the rearing of N. R/

We pray for all God’s family, united in one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. R/

We pray that you renew the grace of our Baptism that we may be more faithful to you. R/

Anointing before Baptism (Oil of Catechumens—on the chest):

We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. All: *Amen.*

Explain that the priest would then bless the water for Baptism. (Bless + this water in which N. will be baptized.) Ask the students what water symbolizes.

We drink it for life, we can die in it by drowning, it is fun, it is cool and refreshing, it washes, etc.

Make these parallels to the spiritual life: we die and rise to new life with Christ through Baptism, we are washed free from sin, and we are filled with the life of grace, which nourishes our souls.

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises** (all present may do this): R/ *I do.*

Do you renounce Satan? And all his works? And all his empty show? R/

Do you renounce sin so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? R/

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? R/

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? R/

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? R/

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father? R/

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R/

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## Rite of Baptism *(continued)*

This is our Faith. This is the Faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
All: *Amen.*

Ask the parents and godparents: Is it your will that N. should be baptized in the Faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you? Parents and Godparents: *It is.*

(Pouring water over N.'s head 3 times): N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All: *Amen.*

Explain that now N. will be anointed on the crown of the head with chrism to share in the threefold ministry of Christ as priest, prophet, and king.

Next, N. will be clothed in a white garment as a reminder of how pure N. is. Just as we must work hard to keep white clothes clean, so too we must work to keep our soul free from sin. We put on clothes as we are now clothed in Christ. After the child has been clothed, you say:  
N. you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.  
All: *Amen.*

Next, N. will receive a lighted candle, which represents receiving the light of Christ. Light the candle and give it to the godparents: Receive the light of Christ.  
Say: Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He is to walk always as a child of the light. May he keep the flame of faith alive in his heart. When the Lord comes may he go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.  
All: *Amen.*

Ephphetha (optional) (bless ears & mouth of N.): The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.  
All: *Amen.*

Explain that now the newly baptized has been reborn as a child of God, and so together with him, we pray the Lord's Prayer: *Our Father . . .*

Final blessing:  
May almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit + bless you.  
All: *Amen.*  
Go in Peace.  
All: *Thanks be to God.*

You may sing a song (example: "For all the saints," *Adoremus Hymnal*, #590).

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## **Canticle of the Sun**

O Most High, Almighty, Good Lord God, to thee belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing.

Praised be my Lord God, with all his creatures, and especially our brother the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the light: fair is he, and he shines with a very great splendor. O Lord, he signifies thee to us!

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, which he has set clear and lovely in the heavens.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and clouds, calms and all weather, by which thou upholdest life and all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water, who is very servicable to us, and humble and precious and clean.

Praised be my Lord for our brother fire, through whom thou givest us light in the darkness; and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth, which doth sustain us and keep us, and brings forth diverse fruits and flowers of many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation: blessed are they who peacefully shall endure, for thou, O Most High, wilt give them a crown.

Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from which no man escapes. Woe to him who dies in mortal sin. Blessed are those who die in thy most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them harm.

Praise ye and bless the Lord, and give thanks to him and serve him with great humility.

– Saint Francis of Assisi

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## **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception**

*Color the picture of Mary, the Immaculate Conception.*



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## Abraham's Test of Obedience

*Based on Genesis 22:1–19*

### CHARACTERS

Narrator  
God  
Abraham  
Isaac  
Two servants  
Donkey  
Angel

### PROPS

Costumes for the actors  
Cardboard wood  
Cardboard knife  
Cardboard fire  
Stuffed animal (preferable a sheep or ram)  
Table

### SCENE 1

*Abraham and God are on stage.*

**Narrator:** One day, God put Abraham to the test.

**God:** Abraham!

**Abraham:** Ready!

**God:** Take Isaac, your only son, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.

*God exits. Isaac, the servants, and the donkey enter.*

**Narrator:** Early the next morning, Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him his son Isaac and two of his servants, and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust, set out for the place of which God had told him.

*While the Narrator reads, Abraham carries the knife and gives the “wood” and the “fire” to the servants to carry. Isaac rides the donkey.*

### SCENE 2

*God and the angel stand at one side of the stage, opposite Abraham and Isaac. (You may have God standing on a sturdy chair, showing that he is in heaven.) The stuffed animal (the lamb) and the table (the altar) are set up in front of God.*

**Narrator:** On the third day, Abraham saw the place from afar. Abraham told his servants to stay where they were and wait there until he and Isaac returned.

*The servants and the donkey wait to one side of the stage. Abraham carries the fire and the knife, and he gives Isaac the wood to carry. Abraham and Isaac walk slowly to the other side of the stage, where God and the angel are standing. They should not reach the other side until they have completed their conversation.*

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## **Abraham's Test of Obedience** *(continued)*

**Narrator:** As Abraham and Isaac walked together, Isaac asked his father a question.

**Isaac:** Father, here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?

**Abraham:** God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust.

*Abraham and Isaac arrive at the altar. They follow the actions described by the Narrator. Abraham must not be too quick with the knife!*

**Narrator:** The two continued going forward until they came to the place where God told Abraham to build an altar and arrange the wood on it.

Abraham tied up his son Isaac and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to kill his son, but the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven.

**Angel:** Abraham, Abraham!

**Abraham:** Yes, Lord.

**Angel:** Do not lay your hands on the boy. Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how much you love God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.

**Narrator:** As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket, so he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

*Abraham takes Isaac off the altar, gets the stuffed animal, and pretends to offer it up to God.*

**Narrator:** Again, the Lord's messenger called to Abraham from heaven.

**Angel:** I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command.

*All the actors return to the stage and bow to the audience.*

**THE END**

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## Jacob's Trick

*Based on Genesis 27*

### CHARACTERS

Narrator  
Isaac  
Esau  
Rebecca  
Jacob

### PROPS

Costumes  
Three pieces of fake fur or brown felt  
Platter  
Blanket

*Isaac is seated on one side of the stage with a blanket over his lap.*

**Narrator:** When Isaac was so old that his eyesight had failed him, he called his older son Esau and said to him:

**Isaac:** Son!

*Esau enters. Rebecca appears at one side of the stage, unseen by the other two, listening to the conversation.*

**Esau:** Yes, father!

**Isaac:** As you can see, I am so old that I may die at any time. Take your bow and arrows, therefore, and go out into the country to hunt some game for me. With your catch, prepare an appetizing dish for me and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my special blessing before I die.

*Esau leaves. Rebecca beckons Jacob to come on stage.*

**Narrator:** Rebecca had been listening while Isaac was speaking to their son Esau. When Esau went out into the country to hunt for food for his father, Rebecca said to her son Jacob:

**Rebecca:** Listen! I overheard your father tell your brother Esau to bring him some game and prepare it so that he may eat it and give Esau the blessing before he dies. Now, son, listen carefully to what I tell you. Go to the flock and get me two choice baby goats. With these I will prepare a dish for your father, such as he likes. Then take it to your father to eat, that he may bless you before he dies.

**Jacob:** But my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am smooth-skinned! Suppose my father feels me? He will think I am making fun of him, and I shall receive a curse instead of a blessing!

**Rebecca:** Let any curse against you, fall on me! Just do as I say. Go and get me the goats.

*As the Narrator reads, Rebecca wraps the fake fur or felt on Jacob's forearms and neck. Then she hands Jacob the food.*

**Narrator:** So Jacob went and got the goats and brought them to his mother. She prepared the meal, then took the best clothes of her older son Esau, which she had in the house, and gave them to her younger son Jacob to wear. With the skins of the goats she covered up Jacob's hands and the hairless parts of his neck. Then she handed Jacob the dish and the bread she had prepared.

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## **Jacob's Trick** *(continued)*

*Jacob approaches Isaac.*

**Jacob:** Father!

**Isaac:** Yes? Which of my sons are you?

**Jacob:** I am Esau, your firstborn. I did as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.

**Isaac:** *(looking puzzled)* How did you succeed so quickly, son?

**Jacob:** The Lord let things turn out well with me.

**Isaac:** Come closer, son, that I may feel you, to learn whether you really are my son Esau or not.

**Narrator:** So Jacob moved up closer to his father. When Isaac had felt him, he said:

**Isaac:** Although the voice is Jacob's, the hands are Esau's. Are you really my son Esau?

**Jacob:** Certainly!

**Narrator:** With that, Isaac ate his meal, then blessed his son.

*Isaac pretends to eat, then he blesses Jacob. After the blessing, Jacob leaves and Esau comes on stage.*

**Narrator:** Jacob had scarcely left his father when his brother Esau came back from his hunt. Then he too prepared an appetizing dish and brought it to his father.

**Esau:** Please, father, eat some of my game, that you may then give me your blessing.

**Isaac:** *(shaken)* Who are you?

**Esau:** I am Esau.

**Isaac:** *(trembling)* Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I finished eating it just before you came, and I blessed him. Now he must remain blessed!

**Narrator:** Esau burst into tears, begging his father to bless him. But it was too late, his brother had the blessing. Esau bore Jacob a grudge from that day forward. Rebecca, fearing that Esau would kill Jacob after their father's death, had Isaac send Jacob to her brother's house in Haran.

**THE END**

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## Litany of the Sacred Heart

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven

*have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World,

*have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,

*have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God,

*have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,

*have mercy on us.\**

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the  
Virgin Mother's womb,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word  
of God,

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God,

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,

Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity,

Heart of Jesus, vessel of goodness and love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts,

Heart of Jesus, wherein are all the treasures of  
wisdom and knowledge,

Heart of Jesus, wherein dwells all the fullness of  
the Godhead,

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased,

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all  
received,

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,

Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy,

Heart of Jesus, rich unto all who call upon thee,

Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness,

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses,

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches,

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities,

Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death,

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,

Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins,

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in  
thee,

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in thee,

Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the  
world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the  
world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the  
world, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

*Make our hearts like unto thine.*

*Let us pray:* Almighty and everliving God, look upon the heart of thy well-beloved Son and upon the praise and satisfaction which he offers unto thee in the name of sinners; and do thou, of thy great goodness grant them pardon when they seek thy mercy, in the name of the same thy Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with thee forever and ever. Amen.

*\*Have mercy on us is repeated after each invocation.*

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## The Seder: Introduction

The Seder is the ritual meal that takes place in Jewish homes on the first night of Passover. The service, which commemorates the night God delivered the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt, involves the recitation of special prayers and the consumption of symbolic foods.

The Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples was a Passover Seder. During the meal, Jesus taught that he is the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice to the Father, which frees us from the slavery of sin and death. During each Mass, parts of the Last Supper are reenacted; some of the gestures and prayers of the Mass, therefore, come from the Seder service.

### Materials:

- large serving platter for Seder tray
- matzah—three whole matzahs for under the Seder tray; additional matzahs for the table
- horseradish—mild creamed horseradish is easiest to use
- celery—two sticks for each participant
- ground apple—about a tablespoon per person
- ground walnuts—about a tablespoon per person
- cinnamon—mix with apples and walnuts to taste
- “wine”—grape juice, about two ounces per person, plus enough to moisten apple-nut mixture
- shank bone—turkey thigh bone, chicken leg or neck bone, or whatever you can get from the butcher; boil to clean and roast till brown
- hard-boiled eggs—1/4 egg per person, plus one whole egg, roasted till brown, for Seder tray
- large cloth napkin—folded in four and stitched closely along the folded sides to form three pockets for holding the matzahs that are placed under the Seder tray
- “wine” glasses—one per person
- bowls for salt water—paper nut cups will do; one per person
- bowls for fresh water—short paper cups will do; one per person
- napkins, paper plates, spoons
- two candles, matches
- necktie, yarmulke (skull cap), necklace, shawl
- Bibles or photocopies of Psalms to be recited
- Photocopies of the Seder outline (B-12–B-14)

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## The Seder: Preparation

Before class, arrange the tables or desks in a U-shape or a rectangle, with the leader's chair at the head, facing the students. Decorate the tables with cloths, plates, and candles of dark blue and white colors (the colors of the Israeli flag) or white and violet colors (violet is the color for Lent). A floral arrangement or a ceramic or toy lamb with a ribbon around its neck makes a nice centerpiece. At the head of the table, place a Seder tray, which is a platter with samples of the following symbolic foods:

**Maror**—Ground horseradish representing the bitter suffering the Hebrew slaves endured at the hands of their Egyptian taskmasters.

**Karpas**—Cut celery or other green vegetable representing spring. It is dipped in salt water, which symbolizes the tears shed by the Hebrews during their slavery.

**Haroses**—Ground apples and walnuts symbolizing the mortar the Hebrews were forced to make for the Pharaoh's buildings.

**Zeroah**—The bone representing the lamb that was sacrificed and eaten on the first Passover. Those who painted their doorways with its blood were "passed over" by the tenth plague, which afflicted the firstborn of the Egyptians. *Zeroah* means "arm," for it was the mighty arm of God that compelled Pharaoh to free the Hebrew slaves.

**Baytza**—A hard-boiled egg symbolizing the animal sacrifices the Israelites brought to the temple in Jerusalem during holidays such as Passover. The eggs are dipped into salt water, signifying the mourning of the Jews over the destruction of the temple.

Underneath the Seder tray are placed three matzahs (unleavened bread) in a matzah holder or wrapped in layers in a cloth napkin. More matzah is on the table. The matzah represents the bread the Hebrews made in haste before their departure from Egypt.

Set each place with a glass of grape juice, a napkin, a dish of salt water, a spoon, a dish of fresh water, and a plate. On each plate, place two pieces of celery, a spoonful each of horseradish and apple-nut mixture, and a slice of hard-boiled egg.

The Seder is a family meal. Choose a boy to be the father and give him a necktie and yarmulke (skull cap) to wear. Choose a girl to be the mother, wearing a necklace and shawl. Choose a third student to act the part of the youngest child.

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## **A Seder Outline** *abridged and adapted*

### **Candle-Lighting Ceremony**

*Usually, the mother of the family leads the candle-lighting ceremony, using two tapers or a special Passover candelabra. She lights the candles and says:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who sanctified us with his commandments and commanded us to kindle the festival lights.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who gave us life and sustained us and brought us to this joyful season.

### **Opening**

*The father usually leads the rest of the Seder. He sits at the head of the table and begins the service:*

We have gathered to observe the Passover, the night God delivered Israel from bondage and brought them out of Egypt. Let us proclaim the power, the goodness, and the faithfulness of God.

### **The First Cup**

*The father leads the blessing. All raise their cups and say:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.

*All take a sip.*

### **The First Washing**

*All participants wash their hands with the water provided. In ancient times, a household servant washed the dusty feet of the dinner guests. At the Last Supper, Jesus himself performed this service and washed the disciples' feet. In modern Jewish households, each person has his own water and towel, or a bowl and towel are carried from person to person by the mistress of the house.*

### **Appetizer: Karpas**

*The father asks everyone to take some celery, dip it in the salt water, and say:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has created the fruit of the earth.

*All eat the celery. This reminds us of Judas' betrayal.*

### **Yahatz: Breaking the Middle Matzah**

*The father takes the middle piece of matzah and breaks it into two parts. One part is wrapped up and saved for the end of the meal. The teacher might select some students to "steal" this piece and hide it, a tradition in many Jewish families today. The remaining part is lifted by the father, who says:*

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## **A Seder Outline** *(continued)*

This is the bread of affliction, which God's people ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat.

*He then places the matzah on top of the others.*

### **The Four Questions and the Hagadah**

*The youngest child asks four questions about why this night is different from all the others:*

Why do we eat only unleavened bread?  
Why do we eat bitter herbs?  
Why do we dip the herbs twice?  
Why do we dine with special ceremony?

*The father answers the questions by telling the Hagadah, the story of the Hebrew people from Abraham to Moses. The father, the teacher, or another student reads this narrative:*

In the beginning, our people worshipped idols, but God revealed himself to them and made a covenant with our father Abraham, in which he promised to make him a great nation. Abraham and Sarah had a son, Isaac, in their old age. Isaac's younger son, Jacob, inherited his father's promise. Jacob became the father of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. Joseph became great in Pharaoh's service by saving Egypt from famine. His own family came to him for food and settled in Egypt. Many years later, another Pharaoh enslaved the Hebrews. But the people of Israel cried out to God, who heard their cry and sent Moses to lead them to freedom. Moses asked Pharaoh to let his people go. When he refused, God sent ten plagues that compelled Pharaoh to free the Hebrew slaves.

### **The Showing of the Foods**

*To make the connection between the story and the foods, the teacher points to each item on the Seder tray and explains its significance. (See page B-11.)*

### **The First Part of the Hallel**

*To show thanks for the mighty works of God, the Hallel, or Psalms, are recited. The Hallel includes Psalms 112, 113, and 114. The teacher chooses one to be recited by the class.*

### **The Second Cup**

*The father leads in taking a second sip of the grape juice. All say:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.

### **The Second Washing**

*All wash their hands again.*

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## **A Seder Outline** *(continued)*

### **Eating the Matzah, Maror, and Haroses**

*The father breaks the original top matzah and the broken half of the middle matzah into enough pieces for all and distributes them. This may be the point at which Jesus said, "This is my Body." Each person holds a piece of matzah while the father says:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

*All eat the matzah. Each person takes another piece of matzah from the table, dips it into the maror and the haroses, and eats it. (A spoon may be used for dipping and spreading.) Each person takes a piece of hard-boiled egg, dips it into salt water, and eats it. At this point in the Seder, the table is cleared of the symbolic foods, and the rest of the meal is served.*

### **Grace after the Meal**

*After the meal is finished, Psalm 126 is recited. The father then looks for the hidden matzah or asks the children who hid it to bring it back. He divides it among all the participants, and all eat.*

### **The Third Cup**

*The father asks the others to raise their cups and say:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.

*This could be the point at which Jesus said, "This is my Blood."*

*All sip from their glasses, which are refilled if necessary.*

### **The Second Part of the Hallel**

*More Psalms are then recited, including Psalms 115 and 135. The teacher chooses one for the class to recite.*

### **The Fourth Cup**

*The father concludes by asking all to raise their cups one last time and say:*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,  
who has created the fruit of the vine.

*All drink. The father says:*

Our Seder has ended. Let us go in joy.

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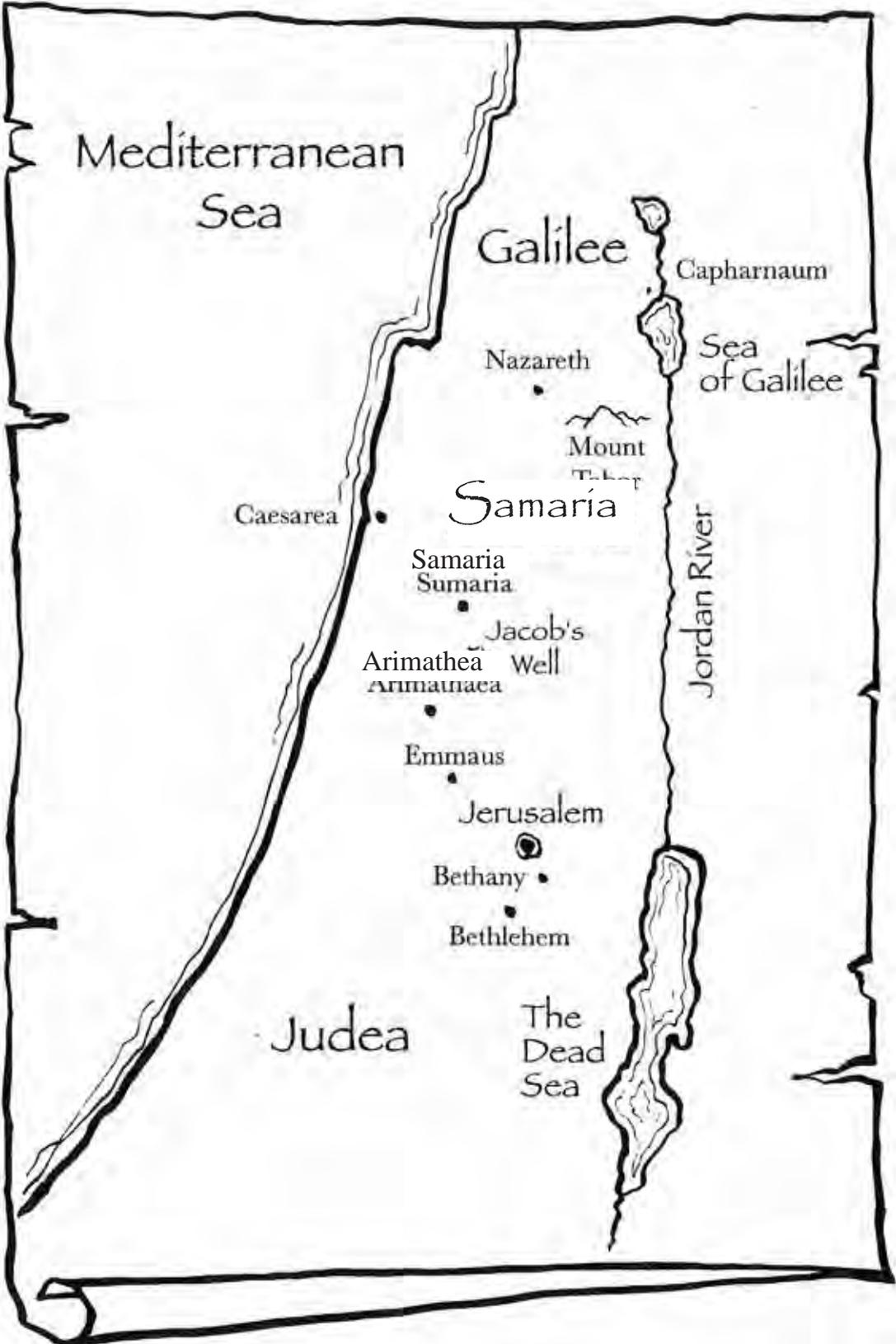
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## Sign Language Alphabet



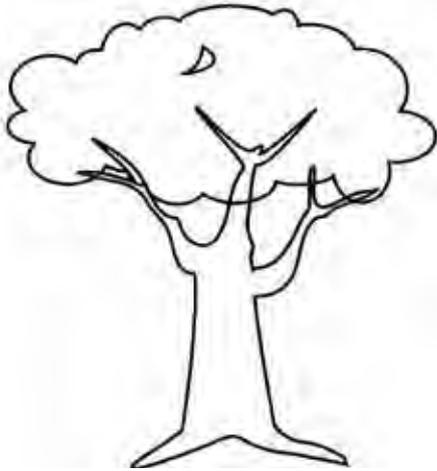
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## Jesse Tree Ornaments

*First Week of Advent*



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
1 Samuel 16:1–13



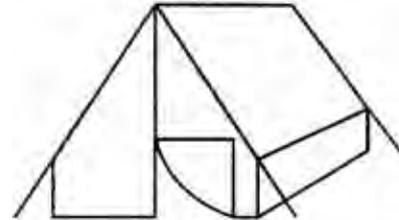
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Genesis 1:24–28



FIRST TUESDAY OF ADVENT  
Genesis 3:1–24



FIRST WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT  
Genesis 6:11–22; 8:6–12



FIRST THURSDAY OF ADVENT  
Genesis 12:1–17; 13:2–18



FIRST FRIDAY OF ADVENT  
Genesis 22:1–14

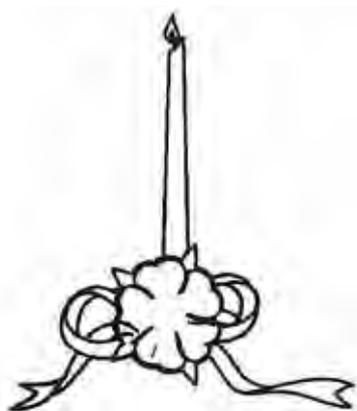


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Genesis 27:41—28:22

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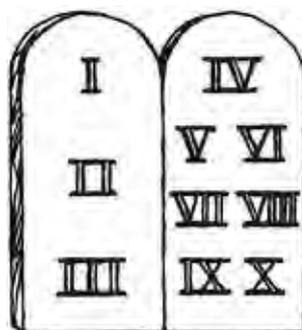
*Second Week of Advent*



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Isaiah 9:2-7



SECOND MONDAY OF ADVENT  
Genesis 37:1-36



SECOND TUESDAY OF ADVENT  
Exodus 20:1-17



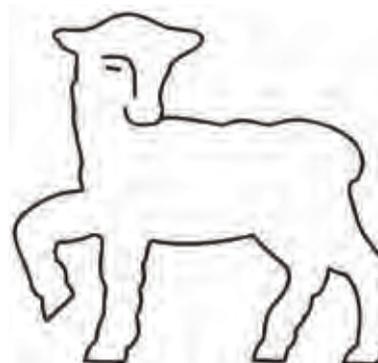
SECOND WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT  
Numbers 6:22-27



SECOND THURSDAY OF ADVENT  
1 Samuel 3:1-21



SECOND FRIDAY OF ADVENT  
1 Samuel 16:14-23

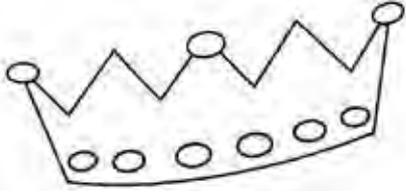


SECOND SATURDAY OF ADVENT  
Psalm 23

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## Jesse Tree Ornaments

*Third Week of Advent*



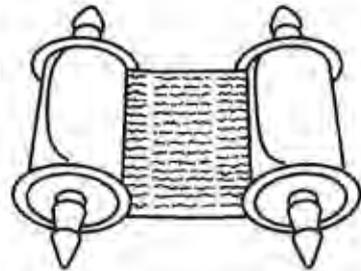
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
1 Kings 3:3–28



THIRD MONDAY OF ADVENT  
1 Kings 17:1–16



THIRD TUESDAY OF ADVENT  
2 Kings 5:1–27



THIRD WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT  
Isaiah 6:1–8



THIRD THURSDAY OF ADVENT  
Jeremiah 31:31–34



THIRD FRIDAY OF ADVENT  
Nehemiah 13:10–22



THIRD SATURDAY OF ADVENT  
Hebrews 1:1–14

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## Jesse Tree Ornaments

*Fourth Week of Advent*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Luke 1:5–25



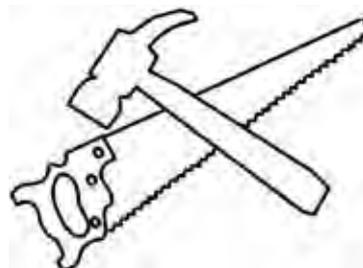
FOURTH TUESDAY OF ADVENT  
Luke 1:39–56



FOURTH MONDAY OF ADVENT  
Luke 1:26–38



FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT  
Luke 1:57–58



FOURTH THURSDAY OF ADVENT  
Matthew 1:18–25



FOURTH FRIDAY OF ADVENT  
Matthew 2:1–12



CHRISTMAS EVE  
Luke 2:1–20



CHRISTMAS DAY  
John 1:1–18

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## Prayer of Saint Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the  
Trinity,  
Through a belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness  
Of the Creator of Creation.

I arise today  
Through the strength of Christ's birth and his  
baptism,  
Through the strength of his Crucifixion and his  
burial,  
Through the strength of his Resurrection and his  
Ascension,  
Through the strength of his descent for the  
judgment of doom.

I arise today  
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,  
In obedience of angels,  
In service of archangels,  
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,  
In the prayers of patriarchs,  
In preachings of the Apostles,  
In faiths of confessors,  
In innocence of virgins,  
In deeds of righteous men.

I arise today  
Through the strength of heaven;  
Light of the sun,  
Splendor of fire,  
Speed of lightning,  
Swiftmess of the wind,  
Depth of the sea,  
Stability of the earth,  
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me  
From snares of the devil,  
From temptations of vices,  
From every one who desires me ill,  
Afar and anear,  
Alone or in a multitude.

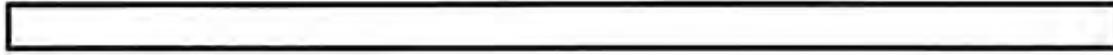
I summon today all these powers between me and  
evil,  
Against every cruel merciless power that opposes  
my body and soul,  
Against incantations of false prophets,  
Against black laws of pagandom,  
Against false laws of heretics,  
Against craft of idolatry,  
Against spells of women and smiths and wizards,  
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's  
body and soul.  
Christ shield me today  
Against poison, against burning,  
Against drowning, against wounding,  
So that reward may come to me in abundance.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the  
Trinity,  
Through a belief in the Threeness,  
Through a confession of the Oneness  
Of the Creator of Creation.

—Saint Patrick (ca. 377)

## Palm Weaving

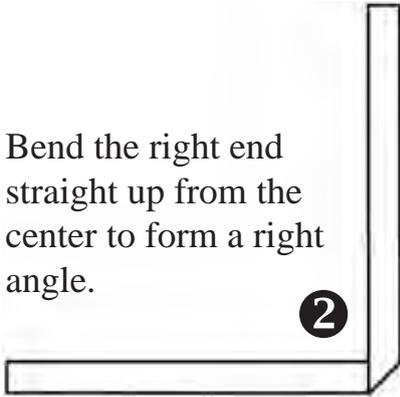


- 1** Hold the frond horizontally.

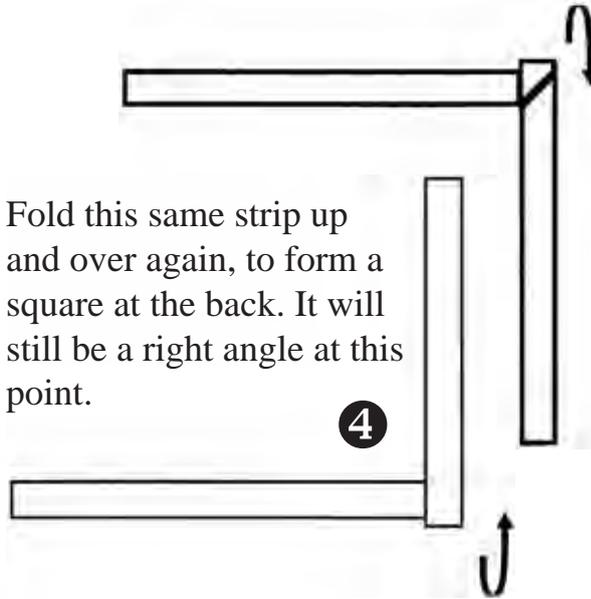
# How To Make A PALM CROSS

Start with a palm frond about 1/4 inch wide and 13 inches long.

Bend the right end straight up from the center to form a right angle.

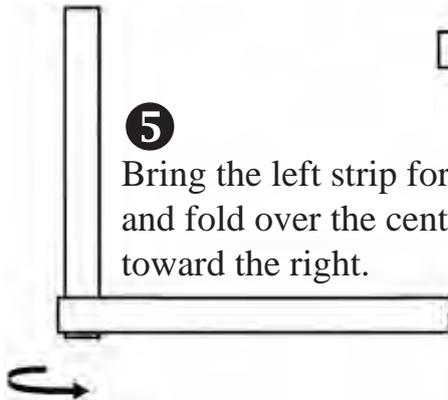


Fold this same strip up and over again, to form a square at the back. It will still be a right angle at this point.

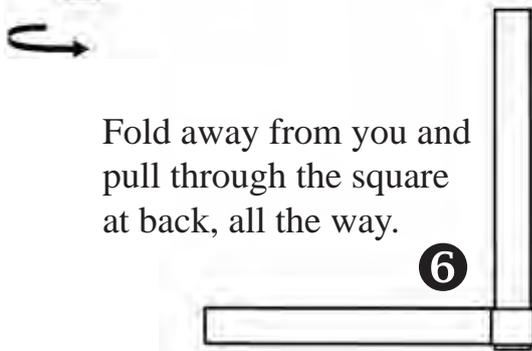


- 3** Fold this same top strip, from the center, back and down.

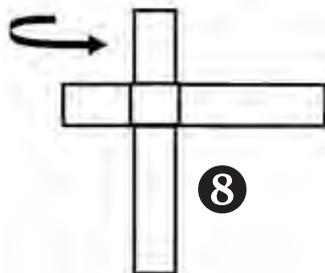
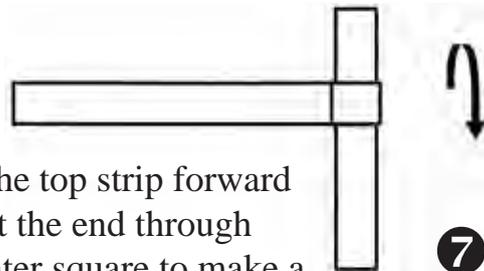
- 5** Bring the left strip forward and fold over the center toward the right.



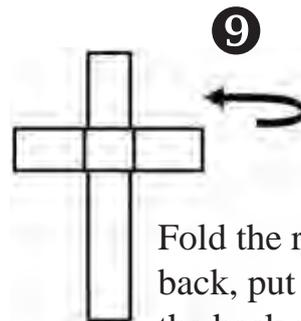
Fold away from you and pull through the square at back, all the way.



Bend the top strip forward and put the end through the center square to make a shaft of desired length.



**8** Fold the left hand strip backward and put through the back square. This makes the left crossbar and should be in proportion to the shaft.



**9** Fold the right strip back, put through the back square and fasten.

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**Apostles' Symbols**



**Simon Peter**



**Andrew, brother of Peter**



**James the Greater,  
son of Zebedee**



**John, son of Zebedee**



**Matthew**



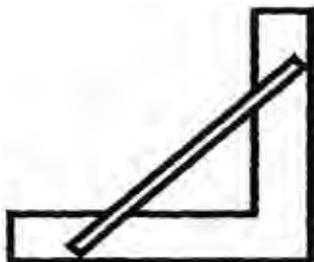
**Bartholomew**



**Philip**

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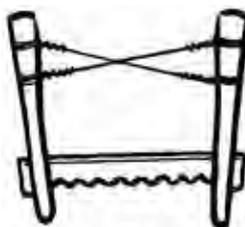
**Apostles' Symbols** *(continued)*



**Thomas**



**Simon the Cananean**



**James the Lesser,  
son of Alphaeus**



**Matthias**



**Jude Thaddeus**



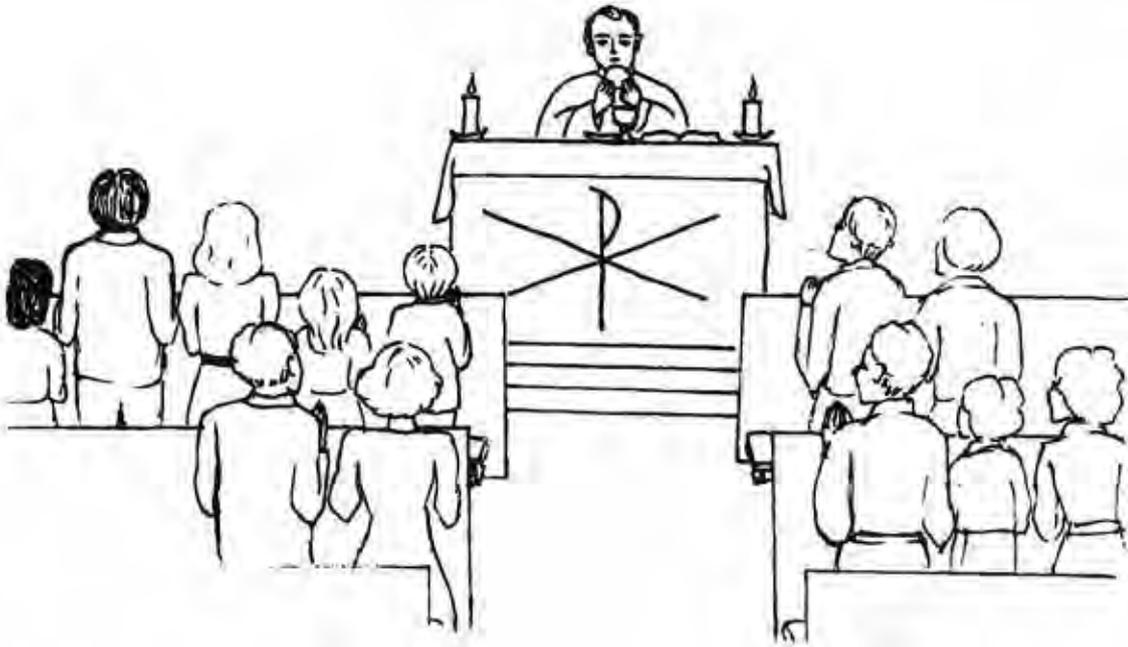
**Judas Iscariot**



**Paul**

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## The Precepts of the Church



1. Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.



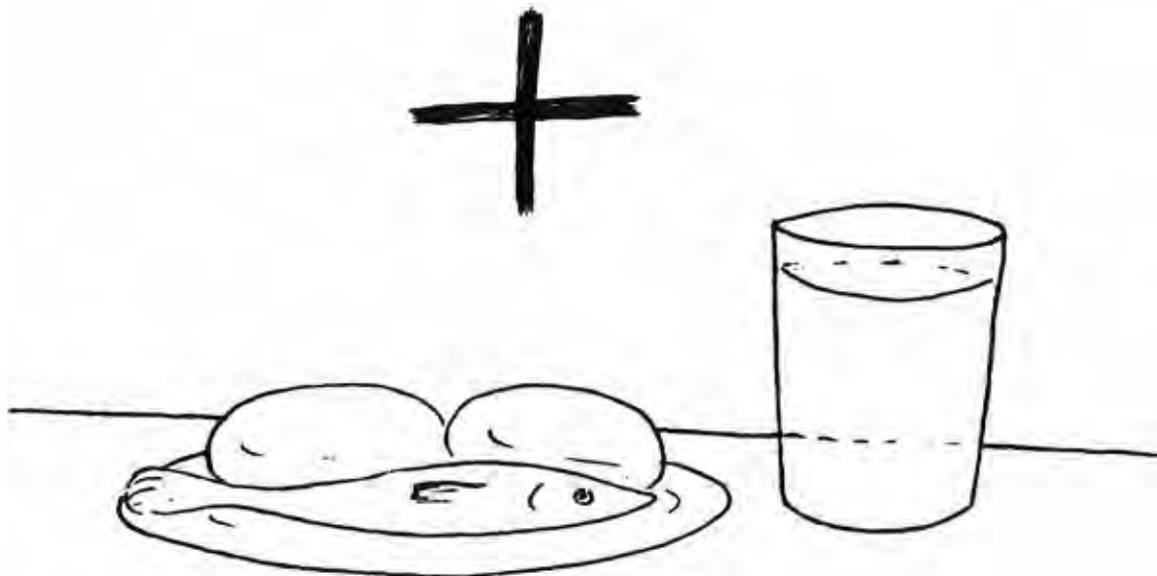
2. Confess sins at least once a year.

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**The Precepts of the Church** *(continued)*



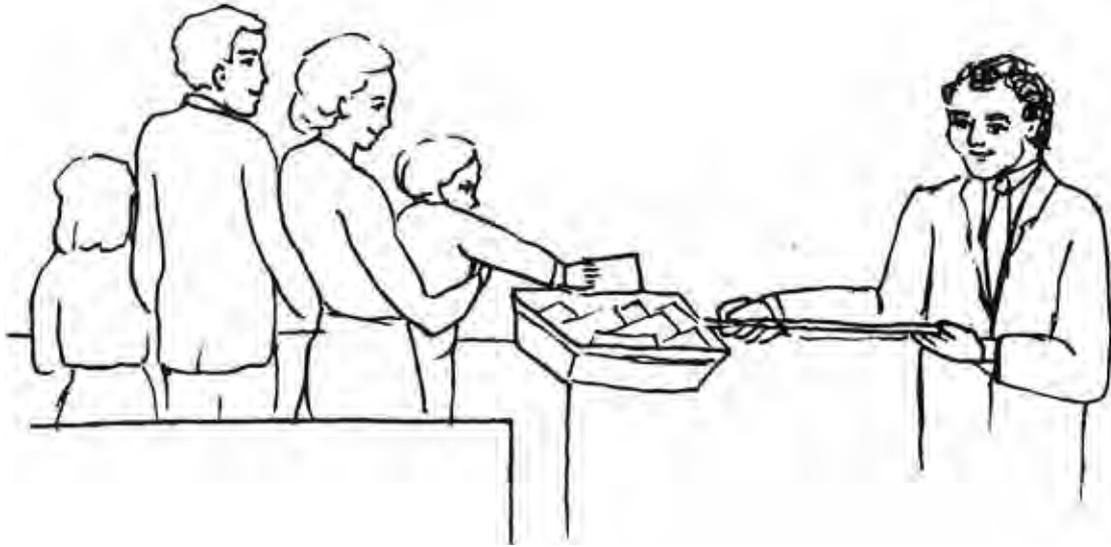
3. Receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.



4. Fast and abstain on the days appointed.

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**The Precepts of the Church** *(continued)*



5. Contribute to the support of the Church.

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## Rite of Funerals

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### GREETING

**May the God of hope give you the fullness of peace, and may the Lord of life be always with you.**  
R/ *And also with you.*

#### OPENING HYMN

Choose an appropriate song.

#### INVITATION TO PRAYER

**My brothers and sisters, we believe that all ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death.**

**Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather N. to himself.**

Pause for silent prayer.

#### OPENING PRAYER

**O God,  
glory of believers and life of the just,  
by the death and Resurrection of your Son, we are redeemed:  
have mercy on your servant N.,  
and make him/her worthy to share the joys of paradise,  
for he/she believed in the resurrection of the dead.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

R/ *Amen.*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Have one of the students read 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6–10.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Have one of the students read Psalm 27.

Between each stanza, all respond: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

#### GOSPEL

Read Luke 12:35–40.

#### HOMILY

At this point, the presiding priest or deacon would give a homily.

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**Rite of Funerals** *(continued)*

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

LITANY

Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his Cross and Resurrection:

**Risen Lord, pattern of our life forever: Lord, have mercy.**

*R/ Lord, have mercy.*

**Promise and image of what we shall be: Lord, have mercy.**

*R/ Lord, have mercy.*

**Son of God who came to destroy sin and death: Lord, have mercy.**

*R/ Lord, have mercy.*

**Word of God who delivered us from the fear of death: Lord, have mercy.**

*R/ Lord, have mercy.*

**Crucified Lord, forsaken in death, raised in glory: Lord, have mercy.**

*R/ Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord Jesus, gentle shepherd who brings rest to our souls, give peace to N. forever:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

*R/ Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord Jesus, you bless those who mourn and are in pain. Bless N.'s family and friends who gather around him/her today: Lord, have mercy.**

*R/ Lord, have mercy.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**With God there is mercy and fullness of redemption; let us pray as Jesus taught us:**

*All: Our Father . . .*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Lord God,**

**you are attentive to the voice of our pleading.**

**Let us find in your Son**

**comfort in our sadness,**

**certainty in our doubt**

**and courage to live through this hour.**

**Make our faith strong**

**through Christ our Lord.**

*R/ Amen.*

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## Rite of Funerals *(continued)*

### CONCLUDING RITE

#### BLESSING

**Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.**

**Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord.**

*R/ And let perpetual light shine upon him/her.*

**May he/she rest in peace.**

*R/ Amen.*

If a priest or deacon is present, they will conclude with these prayers:

**May the peace of God,  
which is beyond all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*R/ Amen.*

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

*R/ Amen.*

If a priest or deacon is not available, a lay minister concludes:

**May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
bless and console us  
and gently wipe every tear from our eyes:  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

*R/ Amen.*

#### CLOSING HYMN

Choose an appropriate song.

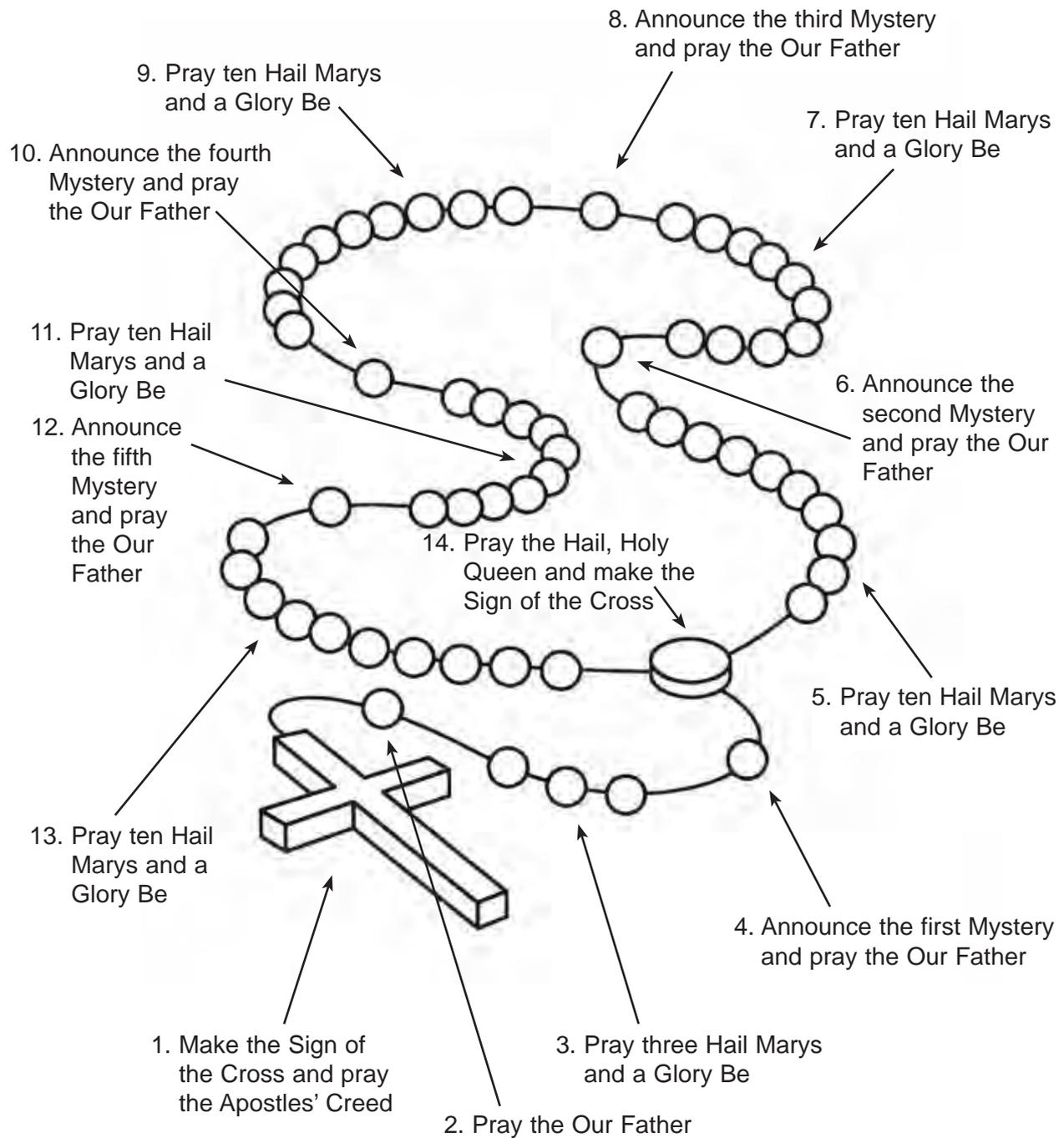
At this point, a friend or family member may say a few words about the deceased.

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## How to Pray the Rosary



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**The First Joyful Mystery**  
*The Annunciation*



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**The Second Joyful Mystery**  
*The Visitation*



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**The Third Joyful Mystery**  
*The Nativity*



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**The Fourth Joyful Mystery**  
*The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple*



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**The Fifth Joyful Mystery**  
*The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple*



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**The First Sorrowful Mystery**  
*The Agony in the Garden*



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**The Second Sorrowful Mystery**  
*The Scourging at the Pillar*



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**The Third Sorrowful Mystery**  
*The Crowning with Thorns*



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**The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery**  
*The Carrying of the Cross*



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**The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery**  
*The Crucifixion*



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**The First Glorious Mystery**  
*The Resurrection*



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**The Second Glorious Mystery**  
*The Ascension*



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**The Third Glorious Mystery**  
*The Descent of the Holy Spirit*



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**The Fourth Glorious Mystery**  
*The Assumption*



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**The Fifth Glorious Mystery**  
*The Coronation*



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**The First Luminous Mystery**  
*The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan*



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**The Second Luminous Mystery**  
*The Wedding Feast of Cana*



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**The Third Luminous Mystery**  
*The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God*



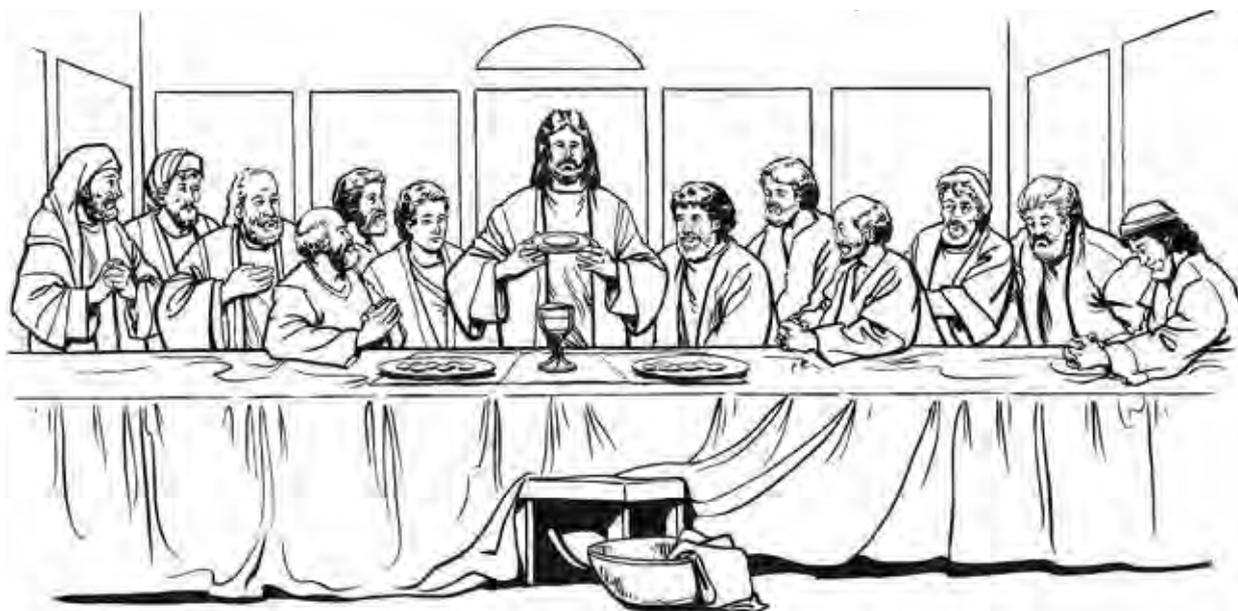
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**The Fourth Luminous Mystery**  
*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*



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**The Fifth Luminous Mystery**  
*The Institution of the Eucharist*



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## Litany of the Saints

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven,

*have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,

*have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God,

*have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.\**

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Saint Michael,

Saint Gabriel,

Saint Raphael,

All you holy angels and archangels,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

All you holy patriarchs and prophets,

Saint Peter,

Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint James,

Saint John,

Saint Thomas,

Saint James,

Saint Philip,

Saint Bartholomew,

Saint Matthew,

Saint Simon,

Saint Jude,

Saint Matthias,

Saint Barnabas,

Saint Luke,

Saint Mark,

All you holy Apostles and Evangelists,

All you holy disciples of the Lord,

All you holy Innocents,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Lawrence,

Saint Vincent,

Saints Fabian and Sebastian,

Saints John and Paul,

Saints Cosmos and Damian,

All you holy Martyrs,

Saint Sylvester,

Saint Gregory,

Saint Ambrose,

Saint Augustine,

Saint Jerome,

Saint Martin,

Saint Nicholas,

All you holy bishops and confessors,

All you holy doctors,

Saint Anthony,

Saint Benedict,

Saint Bernard,

Saint Dominic,

Saint Francis,

All you holy priests and Levites,

All you holy monks and hermits,

Saint Mary Magdalene,

Saint Agatha,

Saint Lucy,

Saint Agnes,

Saint Cecilia,

Saint Anastasia,

Saint Catherine,

Saint Clare,

All you holy virgins and widows,

All you holy saints of God,

Lord, be merciful, *Lord, save your people.\*\**

From all evil,

From all sin,

From your wrath,

From a sudden and unprovided death,

From the snares of the devil,

From anger, hatred, and all ill will,

From the spirit of uncleanness,

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## Litany of the Saints *(continued)*

From lightning and tempest,  
From the scourge of earthquake,  
From plague, famine, and war,  
From everlasting death,  
By the mystery of your holy Incarnation,  
By your coming,  
By your birth,  
By your baptism and holy fasting,  
By your Cross and Passion,  
By your death and burial,  
By your holy Resurrection,  
By your wonderful Ascension,  
By the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
On the day of judgment,

Be merciful to us sinners, *Lord, hear our prayer.*\*\*\*

That you will spare us,  
That you will pardon us,  
That it may please you to bring us to true penance,  
Guide and protect your holy Church,  
Preserve in holy religion the Pope, and all those in Holy Orders,  
Humble the enemies of holy Church,  
Give peace and unity to the whole Christian people,  
Bring back to the unity of the Church all those who are straying, and bring all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel,  
Strengthen and preserve us in your holy service,  
Raise our minds to desire the things of heaven,

Reward all our benefactors with eternal blessings,  
Deliver our souls from eternal damnation, and the souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors,  
Give and preserve the fruits of the earth,  
Grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,  
That it may please you to hear and heed us, Jesus, Son of the Living God,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
*Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us,  
*Christ, graciously hear us.*  
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.  
*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.*

Lord, have mercy on us.  
*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us.  
*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.  
*Lord, have mercy on us.*

\**Pray for us* is repeated after each invocation.

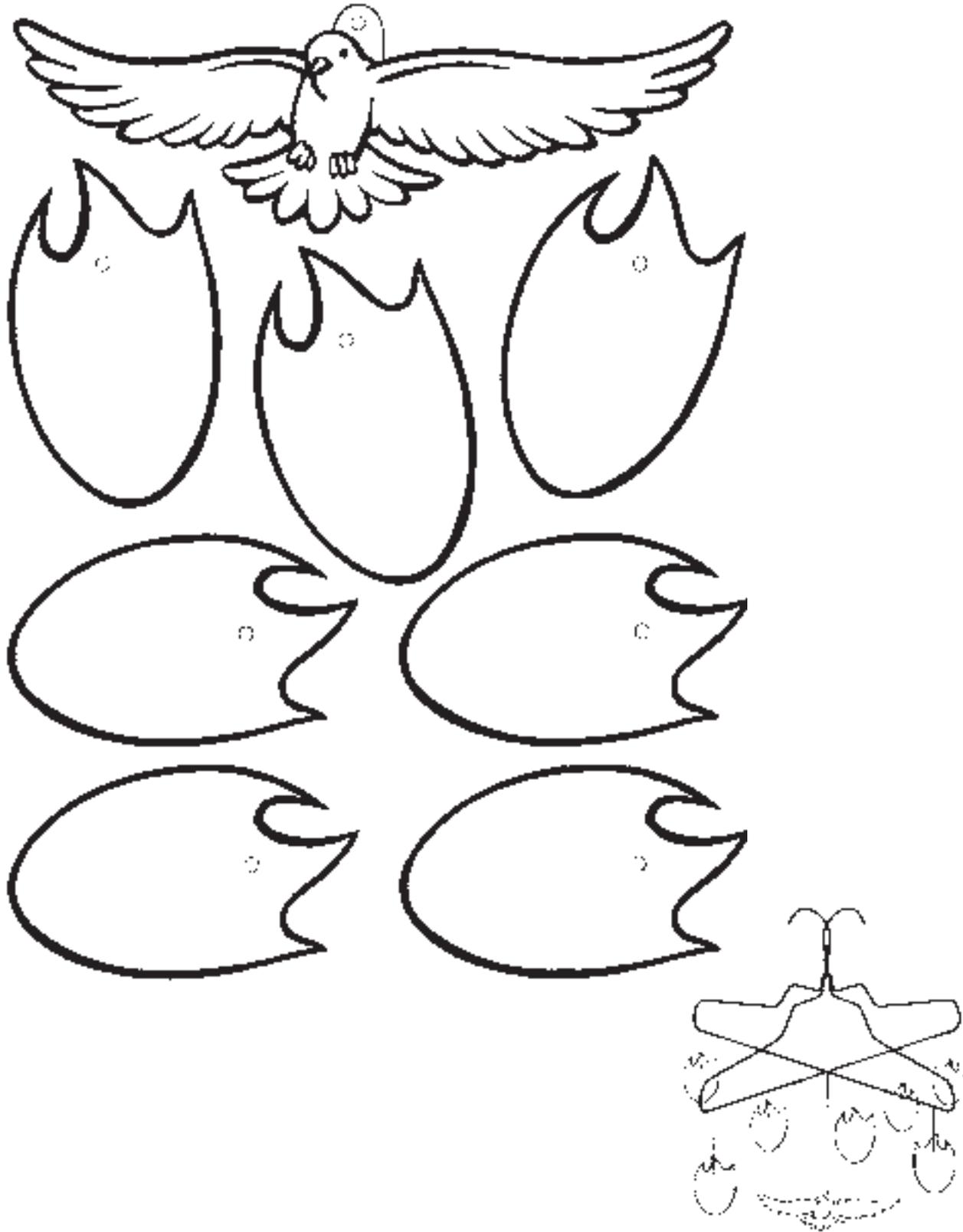
\*\**Lord, save your people* is repeated after each invocation.

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# Holy Spirit Mobile

## Pattern for the Dove and Seven Flames



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# The Liturgical Year

