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**SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST**  
**OUTLINE FOR A LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**WITH & WITHOUT COMMUNION**

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**INTRODUCTORY RITES #186 Christ is present in the gathered assembly**

Assembly and liturgical ministers gather in their places, without a procession. The deacon or lay leader uses a chair other than the presider's chair.

- Gathering music or song
  - Introduction *Invariable text should be included #186*
  - Sign of the Cross
  - Greeting
  - Opening Prayer *Choices in SCAP #189 and Appendix III*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD #190 Christ is present in the Word proclaimed**

Readings are those assigned in the Lectionary, and should be proclaimed by one or more lectors and cantor from the ambo. A brief introduction may be given by the leader of prayer.

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm *Preferably sung*
- Second Reading
- Gospel Acclamation *Must be sung*
- Gospel *Proclaimed by deacon, or lay leader who then omits the greeting*
- Homily or Reflection
- [Dismissal of Catechumens/Elect #198]
- Profession of Faith
- Prayer of the Faithful *Deacon or lay leader introduces, and another lector or cantor does the petitions*

**Lord's Prayer** or:

**[COMMUNION RITE #204 Christ is present in the reserved Sacrament ]**

Deacon or lay leader brings ciborium of reserved Sacrament to the altar. Other extraordinary ministers of Eucharist may assist.

- Invitation to Lord's Prayer
- Lord's Prayer
- Invitation to Communion
- Communion *Communion Song*
- Act of Thanksgiving #211 and Appendix II *All face same direction during prayer]*

**CONCLUDING RITE #212 All are sent to be Christ in the world**

Announcements and collection of monetary offerings may be done at this point.

- Invitation to pray for vocations
- Blessing
- Sign of Peace
- Instrumental music or song