

EUCCHARIST - Family Activity Sheet 1 – We Gather

Name: _____

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20

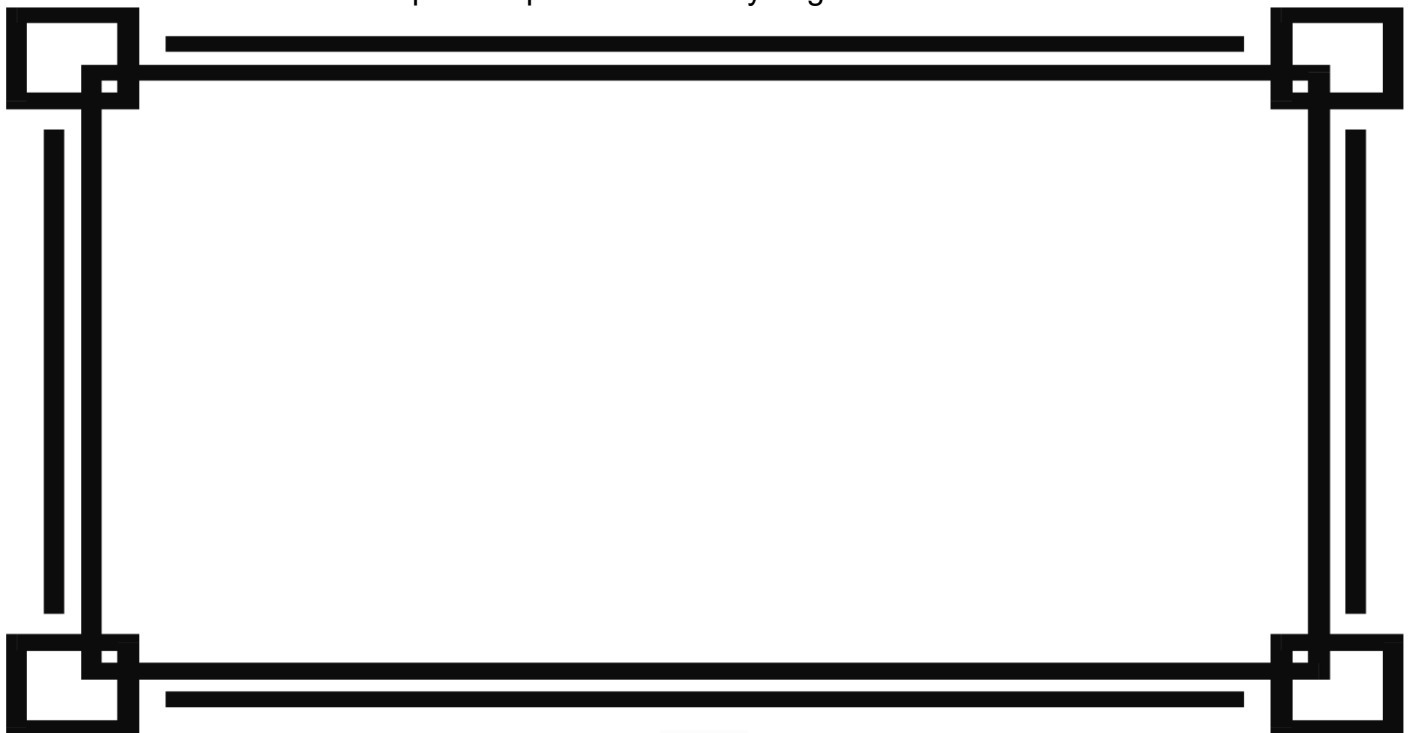
As a family and community we take opportunities to come together and celebrate. In our gatherings, we greet one another, we tell and listen to stories, laugh, cry, sometimes fight and forgive, sing, dance, play and remember. We prepare and share meals. When leaving we say farewell, renewed and heartened by the time spent together. Even daily meals are significant times in our family lives where we come together to relax, talk and share stories together. They give us the opportunity to be nourished and strengthened in our love for one another, to enjoy each other's company.

What are some of the reasons people gather?

Think of a time your family gathered to celebrate. What were they celebrating? Where did you celebrate? Who was there? What foods were shared? Did you have any special rituals?

Celebrations are about joining together and sharing with others. We do this when we go to Mass.

Draw or paste a photo of a time you gathered to celebrate.



Mass is a celebration of the Eucharist. It is the most powerful way we can encounter the real presence of Jesus.

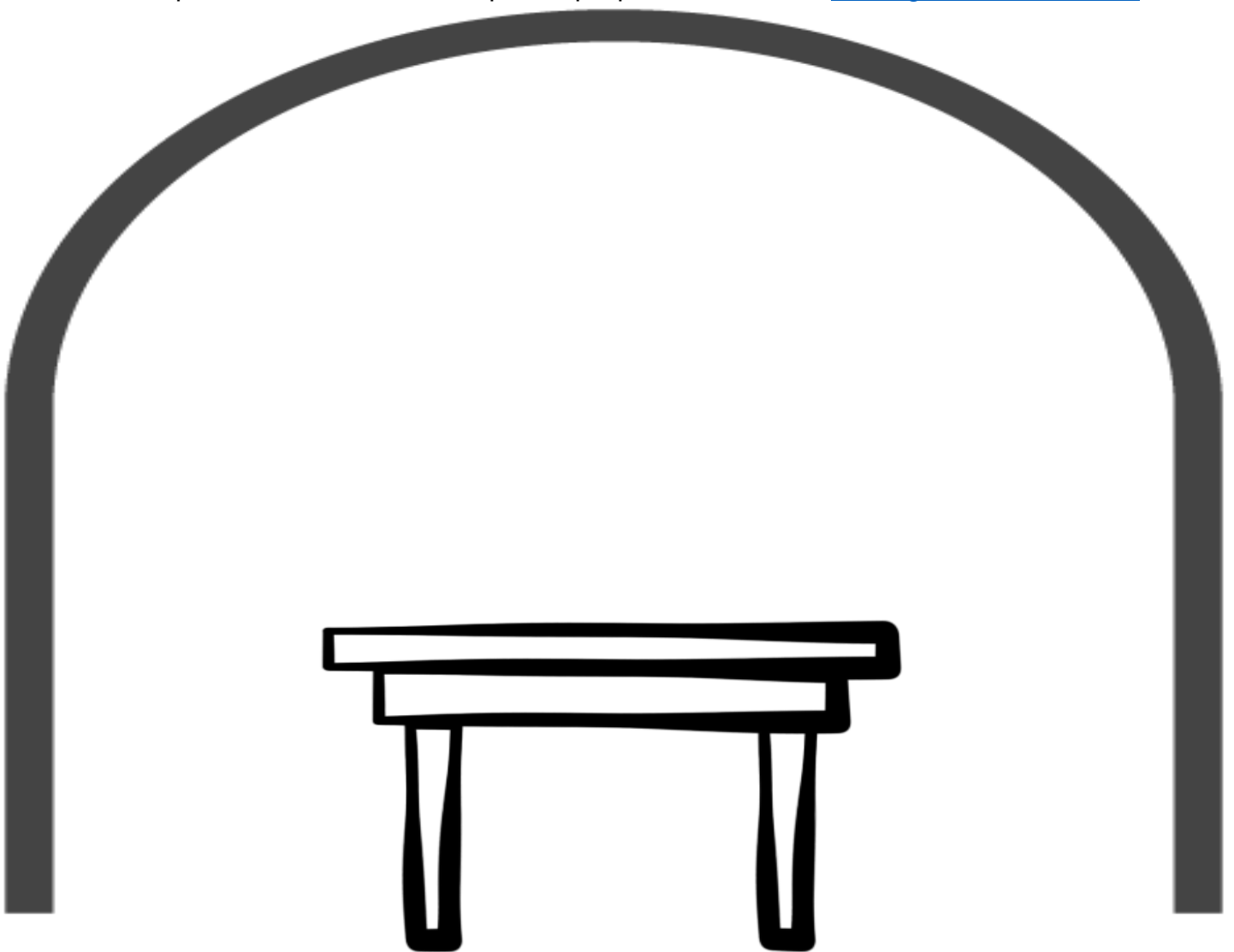
The Order of the Mass includes the:

1. **Introductory Rites** - Gathering together
2. **Liturgy of the Word** - Sharing God's Word from the scriptures and offering prayers
3. **Liturgy of the Eucharist** - Remembering what Jesus did at the Last Supper through the Eucharist
4. **Concluding Rites** - Being sent forth to live and proclaim the Good News.

Have you ever helped prepare for a celebration? Did you make the space/room look special? Were there decorations? Did you set the table? What was on it? A table, or the **altar**, is set in a special way for Mass and sits up on the **sanctuary**. In fact, the whole church is prepared for each celebration of the Eucharist and depending on the time of year it can look very different. During Holy Thursday and Good Friday the artworks are taken down or covered up. At Lent and Advent there is the colour purple and at Pentecost there is red. Next time you go to Mass look around you and take special notice at what surrounds the altar and what is placed upon it during the Mass.

You can draw some of things you see on the altar and around the sanctuary below

To see pictures of some other spaces prepared for Mass, [Settings For Mass Here](#)



When we gather as baptised people, we know Jesus is present among us. We prepare our hearts for this special time of celebrating with our community by giving God glory and praise. Together we say or sing the Gloria.

Light a candle and pray this with your family....

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

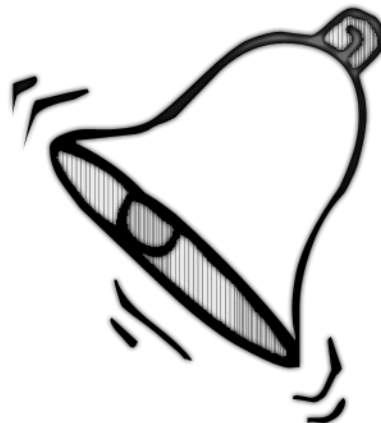
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.



Did you know we don't say the Gloria
during Advent and Lent.

When we say it again at the Christmas Masses, Easter Vigil and
Easter Sunday Masses, the Altar Servers ring bells while the Gloria is
sung (or said) to welcome it back with joy.



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