

LITURGY OF THE WORD

01. Introductory Rite

Opening Prayer:

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of creatures.

Embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

02. Liturgy of the Word

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Questions:

1. Springtime is a time for planting. What do you know about what happens to seeds once they are planted?
2. Have you ever planted seeds before? What did you grow?
3. Love grows from seeds of hope. How have you seen hope grow in your home or school in this past year?
4. How can you help plant seeds of hope for others?
5. How can you help to grow God's love?

Homily: Pre-Taped by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI

03. Intercessions

- For students, educators, and our Catholic community, we pray to the Lord.
- For seeds of hope to grow God acting in our lives, we pray to the Lord.
- For the care of God's creation, we pray to the Lord.
- For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray to the Lord.
- For the sick, especially those affected by COVID-19 and those who seek support for their mental health, we pray to the Lord.
- For our deceased love ones, those who died during the pandemic, that they may receive the glory of the Resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

04. Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all creation.

Help us to protect all life,

to prepare for a better future,

and for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.