PART IV: MUSIC IN LITURGY

INTRODUCTION

Sacred music is an important tradition in the life of the Church and is to be "preserved and fostered with great care" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 114). The purpose of sacred music is to help the gathered community to express the joy in their hearts (GIRM, 39) and share the gift of faith. Care is to be taken, therefore to include song in the celebration of the Mass and to sing texts that are intended to be sung (GIRM, 40).

Principles for the Selection of Music

One of the principles applied to the selection of music for liturgical celebrations is that the music is to be: musical, liturgical, and pastoral. The music is to be of good quality and allow for the congregation to join in singing (musical). It is to be suited to the liturgy and related to the scriptures (liturgical). Finally, the music selected for the liturgy is to enable the members of the assembly to express their faith (pastoral).

Selection of music for liturgical celebrations may include Mass settings (Lord Have Mercy, Gospel Acclamation, Holy, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, and Lamb of God), the Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, Entrance, Offertory and Communion Chants and a Recessional hymn.

Diocesan Resources

Please see the Diocese of Calgary Liturgy Office webpage for additional resources relating to liturgical music: http://www.calgarydiocese.ca/liturgy/music.html.

Resources for Liturgical Music

Breaking Break: http://www.ocp.org/products/BB-P.

Celebrate in Song: http://www.cccbpublications.ca/site/index.php?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=1679&category_id=682&option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=176&lang=eng.

Cross Generation: http://www.giamusic.com/search_details.cfm?title_id=9771.

Gather: http://www.giamusic.com/sacred_music/hymnals_new_gather3.cfm.

Never Too Young – Spirit and Song for Young People (for children in grades 4-8): http://www.ocp.org/nty.

Rise Up and Sing, Third Edition (for young children): http://www.ocp.org/RUAS3.

Singing our Faith – A Hymnal for Young Catholics: http://www.giamusic.com/search_details.cfm?title_id=4781.

Singing our Faith – Leader/Catechist Guide: http://www.giamusic.com/search_details.cfm?title_id=7409.

Songs and Prayers from Taize: http://www.giamusic.com/product_search.cfm?criteria=taize .

Spirit and Song 1: http://www.ocp.org/products/10804.

Spirit and Song 2: http://www.ocp.org/products/12120.

Canadian Mass Settings

Celebrate in Song (with printable music pages): http://www.cccbpublications.ca/site/index.php?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage.tpl&product_id=1678&category_id=682&option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=176&lang=eng.

Selection of Composers for Children's Liturgical Music

John Bell: http://www.giamusic.com/search_details.cfm?title_id=9503

Bernadette Farrell: http://www.ocp.org/artists/1092

Mark Friedman: http://www.ocp.org/artists/1577#

Paul Inwood: http://www.ocp.org/artists/543

Carey Landry: http://www.ocp.org/artists/698

Michael Mangan: http://www.litmusproductions.com/

Janet Vogt: http://www.ocp.org/artists/1578

Christopher Walker: http://www.ocp.org/artists/265

APPENDIX I – SAMPLE: EXPECTATIONS FOR MASS

To prepare students to join in the celebration, the following sample expectations may be used in the classroom the day prior to Mass.

1. All school rules apply!
    - Travel together as a group to Mass unless you are a designated liturgical minster and must arrive early.
    - Appropriate dress code is in effect.
    - No cell phones, iPods, or other electronic devices.

2. Church is a place of special reverence and respect.
    - Demonstrate reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.
        i. Genuflect toward the tabernacle before taking your seat.
        ii. Reverence the altar with a bow if the tabernacle is not directly behind the altar.
    - Demonstrate respect for the church.
        i. No eating, drinking or chewing gum.
    - Demonstrate respect for prayer with full active participation.
        i. Communal: Participate in the singing and responses and enter into times of silence.
        ii. Personal: Internally reflect upon:
            - Forgiveness of sins: for what are you in need of forgiveness.
            - Our needs: what are your needs and for whom will you pray.
            - Thanksgiving: Eucharist means thanksgiving – for what are you thankful.

3. During Communion
    - For those who will be receiving communion:
        i. Approach the communion minister with your hands extended to receive the host.
        ii. Slightly bow your head before receiving the Body of Christ.
        iii. Immediately, place the host in your mouth and eat it.
        iv. Slightly bow your head before receiving from the Chalice.
        v. Return to your place and join in the communal prayer.

    - For those who will not be receiving communion:
        i. Remain in your place or approach the communion minister with your arms crossed in front of your chest to receive a blessing.
        ii. Return to your place and join in the communal prayer.

4. Leaving the Church
    - Leave the church respectfully, following the instructions provided.

APPENDIX II – GUIDELINES AND SAMPLES FOR WELCOMING COMMENTS

When developing welcoming comments for a school celebration, consider including the following information:

- Welcome the community.
- Welcome and acknowledge guests, school district personnel (e.g., Trustee), the presider and guest speakers.
- Briefly thank organizers and ministers (not absolutely necessary).
- Indicate the focus of the readings and celebration. Avoid the temptation to go into detail as that will be done during the celebration (e.g., homily, speech, dramatic presentation).
- Indicate expectations for behaviour (e.g., reverent silence, turn off electronic devices).
- Provide information about Communion if Mass is being celebrated.
- Instructions for the beginning of the celebration (e.g., stand for the Entrance Chant [Gathering Hymn]).

A member of administration, a coordinating teacher, or the chaplain does the welcome. It is best to prepare a short script in advance. Printing this script in a large font for ease of reading is helpful. Ensure that the welcome is no longer than 2 or 3 minutes.

Two sample scripts are included on the following pages. The first is for a school Mass, while the second is for a celebration that is not a Mass or a Liturgy of the Word.

Sample Welcoming Message for a School Opening Mass

Welcome to our School Opening Mass. It is great to see our whole school community gather for prayer and worship. Thank you to our visitors who have taken time out of their day to join us, especially Trustee _____, Superintendent _____, parents and volunteers.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend thanks to Father _____, pastor of _____ Parish, for his ministry to our school over the years. Thank you as well to members of the Student Council, leaders in our school community and leaders today as they fulfill many ministries during this Mass, and to the Worship Band for leading us in song.

Today's liturgy draws our attention to _____.

I invite you to join in the responses and singing during our Mass. You will see all the words on the PowerPoint, so please allow your praise and worship to be heard loudly. Of course, there are times during our celebration when we are called to silent reflection, so I would ask you to honour those times respectfully. Please ensure that all electronic devices are turned off.

Finally, a few words about communion. For those who will be receiving communion, please bow your head slightly before receiving the Body of Christ and respond by saying “Amen”; eat the consecrated host immediately and return to your place. For those who will not be receiving communion, remain in your place or come forward in the communion line, with your arms folded across your chest like this (demonstrate) to receive a blessing from the communion minister. Staff members will assist as ushers for communion.

At the end of our celebration, please remain standing in your places until the sending forth song is completed. When we have finished singing, I will give instructions for dismissal from the gym in an orderly fashion.

Let us begin then, by standing and joining in song, _____.

Sample Welcoming Message for a Remembrance Day Celebration

Good morning everyone and welcome to our Remembrance Day Celebration.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to parents and friends of ____School Community who have taken time out of their busy days to join us for this special celebration. We are also pleased to welcome Trustee _____ and Superintendent ____. We are especially privileged to have with us Master Corporal _____ who has done two tours of duty in Afghanistan and will share some of his experiences with us.

Our celebration today uses a number of elements including prayer, music, visual media, and personal presentations to remind all of us that we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the many men and women who risked, and in some cases lost their lives to ensure freedom for us and for future generations. We will honor the fallen with a minute of silence. And we will never forget.

Please give your full and respectful attention throughout the celebration. Turn off any electronic devices. I invite all of you to stand as we begin our celebration with the entrance of our Color Party, and ask that you remain standing for the opening prayer.

APPENDIX III – PREPARING THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

When preparing the Prayer of the Faithful, please note that the sequence of intentions is as follows (GIRM, 70):

- for the needs of the Church
- for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world
- for those burdened by any kind of difficulty
- for the local community

The structure of the intentions is outlined below:

What	Who	Example
Invitation to prayer	Presider	My brothers and sisters…
Followed by a brief moment of silence	All	
Intentions • Intention • Response	Reader All All	For the sick *(brief pause*), that the light of God's healing grace may ease the darkness of pain and suffering *(brief moment of silence to allow people to add their own silent prayer), w*e pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
Concluding Prayer	Presider	God of light…
Assent	All	Amen.

Examples:
For the sick, the poor, and the dying: may they find healing and hope in the ministry of their caregivers, we pray to the Lord. R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations and governments: may the Light of Christ guide their hearts toward peace, we pray to the Lord.

For each of us and for our families and friends, that we may respond fully to the call of our baptism, and accept the grace to remain open to God's call to serve, we pray to the Lord.

For those in our community who are oppressed by racism, fear, health concerns or injustice, that they may be strengthened in hope through God's presence in the good will of others, we pray to the Lord.

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