



Eucharistic Liturgy for *Kingdom Rock* Totally Catholic VBS 2013

Many parishes celebrate Eucharist with the Totally Catholic Summer Program participants, their families, and the parish community during this special week. Eucharist might be celebrated on the eve of the final day; for example, Thursday night, if the last day of *Kingdom Rock* is on Friday, or it may be celebrated on Friday to end the summer program experience.

Two Eucharist options are provided. Choose one of the following options in consultation with your presider:

Eucharist Option One: Prepare your Eucharistic Liturgy using the readings of the day from the *Lectionary*.

Eucharist Option Two: Prepare your Eucharistic Liturgy using readings (provided) taken from the participants' experience at *Kingdom Rock* VBS.

Eucharist Option One

If you choose to celebrate Eucharist using the readings of the day from the *Lectionary*, an outline to help prepare for that liturgy follows. The only music selections recommended here are those from *Kingdom Rock*, so consider some other music if needed, as the music should be selected according to the focus of the readings for the day.

Preparation and Supplies

- Place an announcement in the parish bulletin inviting *Kingdom Rock* participant households and the parish community to the Mass.
- Choose songs based upon the readings of the day.
- Decorate the worship space, if desired, by displaying items from the week (for example, the God Sightings stones) in an appropriate spot in the gathering space. If you have chosen to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Connecting Kids to Justice project during the week, place an appropriate display in the narthex or welcome area for people to see as they enter the church.
- Invite the parish sacristan to set up for Eucharist as is the norm for the parish.
- Review the liturgy with the celebrant and share with him the points that could be considered for inclusion in the homily.
- Recruit and prepare the necessary ministers, preferably from among *Kingdom Rock* participants and volunteers (preferably those already commissioned by the parish for these ministries) —readers, music ministers, hospitality ministers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and so on.
- Consider having a collection for CRS before the offertory, if deemed appropriate (e.g., the participants have not already been making donations all week).

Introductory Rites

Entrance Chant (Gathering or Processional):

“God’s Good Rules” (Track 26 from the *Kingdom Rock Sing & Play Rock Leader* Version CD) or other songs suitable for the readings of the day.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

Use the opening prayer for the day.

Liturgy of the Word

Readers proclaim the readings of the day.

Celebrant proclaims the Gospel of the day and offers a homily. If the readings lend themselves to it, consider highlighting the characteristics of the People of Faith explored over the week: Saint Patrick, who understood that God’s love helps us stand strong; Saint Joseph, who modeled that family and friends help us stand strong; Saint Margaret of Scotland, who lived God’s Word and showed that prayer helps us stand strong; Mary, Mother of God, who showed strength and ultimate trust in God by saying “yes”; Saint Jerome, who spent many years translating the Word of God, illustrating the Bible Point that the Bible helps us stand strong.

Universal Prayer

Add any specific intentions for the *Kingdom Rock* participants, their families, or the community in general.

After each petition, please respond with, “Hear our prayer as you help us stand strong.”

For Church leaders, as they witness to their trust in God, we pray to the Lord.

For leaders of all countries, may the resources they steward as leaders benefit all, we pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the suffering, especially those suffering from hunger, we pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick and dying, for healing and trust in God’s mercy, we pray to the Lord.

For all who serve this parish as leaders, especially those who helped out with *Kingdom Rock* this week, we pray to the Lord.

For all those gathered here, may we proclaim with love the Good News, and walk in strength with our faith, we pray to the Lord.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Use the prayer for the day from the *Roman Missal*.

Music option during the Preparation of the Gifts could be “Gifts” (Track 27 on the *Kingdom Rock Sing & Play Rock Leader Version CD*).

Eucharistic Prayer

Consider using the “Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs IV: Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good.”

Communion Rite

Choose a song to sing during the Communion Rite from the parish repertoire.

Prayer After Communion

Use the prayer after communion for the day.

Announcements

If you would like the *Kingdom Rock* participants to share some of their experiences from the week, now would be an appropriate time to do so.

Concluding Rites

Dismissal

Depending on your presider and local liturgical practice, either use a blessing from the *Roman Missal* or the following:

May God bless you with love that you may stand strong as a witness to his love with your lives. Amen.

May God bless you with courage so that you may serve all members of the Body of Christ. Amen.

May God bless you with compassion, so you might see the needs of others and respond with a helpful and open heart. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

Closing Chant

“Loving God” (Track 22 from the *Kingdom Rock Sing & Play Rock* Leader Version CD). This song should be appropriate for any readings, but make another choice from the parish song selection if needed.

Eucharist Option Two

This Eucharist uses readings that highlight the participants and the larger community's call to love and trust God. God's love and our trust in him can help us stand strong in our daily lives. Family and friends, prayer, and Scripture can also help us stand strong, and our response is to share God's love and our trust in him with the world.

Preparation and Supplies

- Place an announcement in the parish bulletin inviting *Kingdom Rock* participant households and the parish community to the Mass.
- Review music and add local parish selections as needed.
- Decorate the worship space, if desired, by displaying items from the week (for example, the God Sightings stones) in an appropriate spot in the gathering space. If you have chosen to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Connecting Kids to Justice project during the week, place an appropriate display in the narthex or welcome area for people to see as they enter the church.
- Invite the parish sacristan to set up for Eucharist as is the norm for the parish.
- Review the liturgy with the celebrant and share with him the points that could be considered for inclusion in the homily.
- Recruit and prepare the necessary ministers, if possible, from among *Kingdom Rock* participants and volunteers (preferably those already commissioned by the parish for these ministries) —readers, music ministers, hospitality ministers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and so on.
- Consider having a collection for CRS before the offertory.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Chant

“Loving Others” (Track 23 on the *Kingdom Rock Sing & Play Rock* Leader Version CD) or other songs suitable from the parish repertoire.

Collect

Roman Missal: see the prayer for the day if it aligns, or ask your presider to choose one.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 26:1-6 (Lectionary: Advent, Week 1, Thursday, Cycles 1 & 2)

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (Refrain: “I love you, Lord, my strength”; Lectionary: Year A, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia*) Gospel

Mark 12:28b-34 (Lectionary Year C: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Homily

Suggest the celebrant include the following points in the homily:

- Challenge the participants to remember that, as they learned during the *Kingdom Rock* experiences of this week, we are always called to stand strong for God.
- Connect Jesus' words in this Gospel reading to the call to each of us to stand strong in our love for God and others. Remind the participants of the People of Faith they have met over the week, perhaps highlighting one important aspect of standing strong we can learn from each: Saint Patrick, who understood that God's love helps us stand strong; Saint Joseph, who modeled that family and friends help us stand strong; Saint Margaret of Scotland, who lived God's Word and showed that prayer helps us stand strong; Mary, Mother of God, who showed strength and ultimate trust in God by saying “yes”; Saint Jerome, who spent many years translating the Word of God, illustrating the Bible Point that the Bible helps us stand strong.

- Challenge the participants to let their lives be different as a result of their Totally Catholic VBS experience, so that they may stand strong as disciples of Jesus through words and actions that portray a profound trust in God's love for the world.

Universal Prayer

Adapt the following intercessions, adding any specific intentions for the *Kingdom Rock* participants, their families, or the community.

After each petition, please respond with, "Hear our prayer as you help us stand strong."

**For Church leaders, as they witness to their trust in God, we pray to the Lord.
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we pray to the Lord.**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Music option during the Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts could be "Gifts" (Track 27 on the *Kingdom Rock Sing & Play Rock* Leader Version CD).

Prayer Over the Offerings

Roman Missal – see the prayer for the day if it aligns, or ask your presider to choose one.

Eucharistic Prayer

Consider using the "Eucharistic Prayer for Use in Masses for Various Needs II: God Guides His Church along the Way of Salvation"

Communion Chant Suggestions

Choose a suitable song from the parish repertoire.

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

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Concluding Rites

Blessing

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing:

May God bless you, like Saint Patrick, who shows us that God's love helps us stand strong. Amen.

May God bless you, like Saint Joseph, with the strength of family and friends. Amen.

May God bless you, like Saint Margaret of Scotland, with prayer and good works. Amen.

May God bless you, like Mary, Mother of God, to trust and say "yes" to God. Amen.

May God bless you, like Saint Jerome, with a love of and reverence for God's Word. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Closing Chant

"God's Good Rules" (Track 26 on the *Kingdom Rock Sing & Play Rock Leader* Version CD).