

Blessing Cup to Welcome the Lord's Day

(Usually celebrated on Saturday evening)

Gathering Prayer Song

All: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Leader: Today we set aside the concerns of the week that we may honor the Lord and celebrate his resurrection. Today we cease from our work in order to worship God and remember the eternal life to which God has called us. Let us pause for a moment of silence to be mindful of the presence of our good and loving God (pause).

The Lighting of the Candle

Assistant: (Lights candle and recites prayer) Blessed are you, our God, who created light on the first day and raised your Son, the Light of the World, to begin the new creation. Blessed are you, our God, Creator of the Universe, who gives us joy as we kindle the light for the Lord's Day.

All: Your word, Oh Lord, is a lamp for our feet, a light for our path.

Scripture(Read the Gospel reading from the upcoming Sunday mass.)

The Blessing of the Wine

Leader: (Pours wine into cup) Let us praise God with this symbol of joy and give thanks for our many blessings, for the discipline of our trials and temptations, and for the happiness that has come to us out of our work.

(Raises the cup and recites prayer) Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of the Universe, you have given us this wine, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

(Leader offers a specific prayer thanking God for one or two things from the past week, then passes the cup to the person on the right who does the same. All who partake of this blessing cup make a covenant to share in one another's joys and sorrows.)

All: Blessed be God forever.

The Blessing Before Meal