



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings proclaim the message of God's love and truth, mercy and forgiveness as it has been told by the People of God in the Old and the New Testament.

On Sunday there are three readings. The first reading is usually from the Old Testament. It is followed by a responsorial psalm. The people say or sing the response to each verse. The second reading is usually from one of the letters in the New Testament.

At the end, each reader says:

The word of the Lord.

The people respond: Thanks be to God.

Then the altar servers and the deacon or priest prepare for the gospel reading. The deacon or priest and two altar servers with lighted candles go to the ambo. In some churches, the deacon or priest will hold up and carry the Book of the Gospels to the ambo.



The people greet the gospel by singing or saying 'Alleluia' which means 'Praise God!'.