

A small green seedling with several leaves is growing out of a crack in a dark, textured asphalt surface. The background is a blurred, light-colored surface with some reddish-brown streaks. On the right side, there is a large, semi-transparent blue circle that serves as a background for the text.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

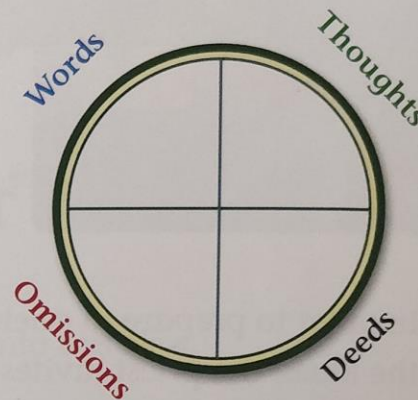
1. Learn the words of the 'I confess'.
When you think you know them, test each other.

2. Divide a large circle in four.

In each section, write an example to explain the following phrases.

I have sinned through my own fault,

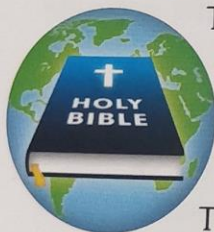
- in my thoughts,
- in my words,
- in what I have done,
- in what I have failed to do.



The Gloria

On most Sundays and certain feast days, we sing or say the Gloria. It is a hymn of praise to God. It is a song of rejoicing in God's goodness.

Liturgy of the Word



The readings are from the Old Testament, the Letters of the New Testament and from the Gospels. These are called the **Word of God** because the writers of the Bible were inspired by God.

The words we hear in the readings are not just about what happened in the past. In them, God is speaking to us now. So we have to listen carefully, not just with our ears, but with our hearts and minds.

Task 1

Read these quotations from the bible, using this link:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/keyword/>

Which emotion does each reference match with? Explain.



We cannot know what God is saying to us unless we listen to Him! Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11:28). He wants us to put into practice what we hear and understand. He wants the **Word of God** to influence what we do and say.

The Gospel

Before the reading of the Gospel the priest greets us with the words:

The Lord be with you.

We reply: *And with your spirit.*

When the priest says:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...

We reply: *Glory to you, O Lord.*



While saying these words, it is a tradition for us to make a little cross + on our forehead, lips and heart. This is asking God to be in our thoughts (head), in our words (lips) and in our heart.

At the end of the Gospel, the priest says: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

We reply: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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