

Introduction to Various Parts of Worship

Below is a guide to assist in you in knowing what to say in between to direct the congregation. Adapt as needed.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Select a call or use the one the pastor has given you (if applicable)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SAY: Let us pray.

OR

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[Lead the prayer. Pause after the prayer for silent reflection.]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (ASSURANCE OF PARDON)

SAY: Hear the Good News!

[Continue with the assurance you have selected or the one the pastor has given you (if applicable)]

SAY: Let us stand and rejoice in this good news by singing _____.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SAY: Let us pray.

[Continue with selected prayer]

SCRIPTURE

SAY something like:

Our first reading comes from *book name, chapter, verse*. If you would like to follow along it can be found on page _____, in the (*Old Testament/New Testament*).

[You may include a brief introduction to the passage. Seek help from the pastor if desired.]

[Read the passage.]

You may end the reading by saying “Amen,” “the word of the Lord,” “Thanks be to God,” or some other such thankful statement.