

# The Eucharist: The Liturgy of the Word

## Chapter 30 Summary

### Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will understand that the readings from Scripture proclaimed at Mass are the living Word of God.
- The participants will practice attentive listening, prayerful imagining, and self-reflection through the Word.

### Content Summary

1. In liturgical celebrations, events from the history of salvation are shared during the Liturgy of the Word.
2. The Liturgy of the Word consists of readings from the Bible; a homily by a bishop, priest, or deacon; the Creed; and prayers for the Church, the world, and people in need.
3. Jesus Christ is God's Word Made Flesh, the *Logos* (meaning "word"). Through Jesus we begin to understand God.
4. In the Bible we find the readings we hear during the Liturgy of the Word.
5. The heart of the Bible is the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—which recount the life and teachings, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of the *Logos*, Jesus Christ.
6. The Bible is divided into two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Both are necessary for Christians to understand the full meaning of Christ's life.
7. During the liturgy the Gospels are read from a separate book, called the *Book of the Gospels*. They are read from the ambo, or reading stand.
8. Both the Word of God and the Eucharist feed us at Mass. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, the *Logos*, feeds us in the Liturgy of the Word. The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, feeds us in the Eucharist.
9. The homily helps us to connect the Word of God to our lives today.
10. We respond to God's Word by proclaiming the Creed or by renewing our baptismal promises. We conclude the Liturgy of the Word with the Prayer of the Faithful or the Universal Prayer, which includes intercessions for the Church, for the world, for people in need, and for the needs of our community and parish.

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