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| **PLANNING A NON-EUCHARISTIC LITURGY** | | | | |
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| **Preparation** | Date: 21.12.2015 (the fourth week of advent) | Feast: NA | Focus: Advent | |
| Place: Year 5/6 Classroom | Time: First session | Group: Year 5/6, Teacher, parents | |
| **Required Props:**   * Advent wreath * Candles * Purple cloth/decorations * Bible * Small Jesse Tree | | | |
| **How will symbols be displayed/used?** (What specific action?):   * Blessing of the wreath with the Blessing of the Wreath prayer (USCCB, 2015) * Worship place set with purple cloth, bible, advent wreath and candles (all four candles lit). All objects/symbols need to be displayed in a respectful and appropriate manner. | | | |
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| **Gather (Introductory Rites)** | **Welcome:**  Welcome to our Advent liturgy. Today we are gathered to celebrate our last week of the Advent season. During this final week of the season we turn to deep reflection and prepare ourselves for the celebration and birth of Jesus Christ, our saviour. | | |  |
| **Gathering Hymn:**  Together As One (Chinn, 1996) | | | Song lyrics displayed on screen. All in attendance encouraged to participate. |
| Opening Prayer:  O God, we wait for so many things – peace in our world, good news, solutions to problems. Lord, grant us patience, the patience of suffering in order to bring about what is awaited; the patience of a vibrant hope that what is awaited will come into being. ​May we await your second coming in prayerful awareness of many times you come to us each day. ​(Schneider, 1999) | | | Numerous students are selected to read the opening prayer, readings, reflection and dismissal prior to commencement of liturgy. |
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| **Listen (Liturgy of the Word)** | **Reading:**  Reading 1SG 2:8 – 14  Hark! My lover–here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices. My lover speaks; he says to me, “Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one, and come! “For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance. Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!  “O my dove in the clefts of the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff, Let me see you, let me hear your voice,  For your voice is sweet, and you are lovely.” | | |  |
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| **Share, Reflect, Respond** | **Prayer/Reflection/Action:**  Responsorial Psalm PS 33:2 – 3, 11 – 12, 20 - 21  R. (1a; 3a) **Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.** Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. Sing to him a new song; pluck the strings skilfully, with shouts of gladness. R. **Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.** But the plan of the LORD stands forever;  the design of his heart, through all generations. Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. R. **Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.** Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield, For in him our hearts rejoice; in his holy name we trust.  R. **Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.** | | | Responses displayed on screen with all participants encouraged to respond.  Allow time for individual reflection. |
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| **Go & Tell (Concluding Rites)** | Dismissal:  Faithful God, your Son was born to your chosen and beloved people, the fulfilment of your promise.’ Fill us in this time of expectation with the faith of your people Israel. May all who wait for the coming day of redemption trust in your faithfulness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Israel who lives and reigns foe ever and ever. Amen. | | |  |
| Concluding Hymn:  O Come, O Come Emmanuel  (Neale, 1851) | | | Lyrics presented on the screen. All participants encouraged to sing. |