

Handout 1

We REMEMBER, We CELEBRATE, We BELIEVE

We REMEMBER

Reader 1: Your Last Supper, Lord, was the beginning for us. We remember how you gifted us physically with yourself in the Eucharist, your living body and blood.

Have someone place bread/paten and wine/chalice on the table.

All: We Remember

Reader 2: Jesus, all you endured for us; the crowning with thorns, the scourging, the carrying of the cross, the harassment, your crucifixion and ultimately your death were all given freely because you love us.

Have someone place nails on the table.

All: We Remember

Reader 3: Your resurrection is a gift of salvation and hope. You overcame death and darkness with light and life so we might all live full lives here on Earth and rejoice with you some day in heaven.

Have someone place a Paschal Candle by/on the table.

All: We Remember

We CELEBRATE

Reader 4: Lord, you celebrated with your apostles and trained them to be your future. They watched as you gave thanks to God the Father and listened as you said you would send your Spirit to help them. We celebrate that we have the vocation of the priesthood to guide and teach us so we may grow closer to you.

Have some place a picture of your priest or a vestment on the table.

All: We Celebrate

Reader 5: We celebrate the sacrifice you offered for us, dying on the cross, when we show love and respect for you through our devotional use of the crucifix. We can bow, pray, or even kiss this visible sign of what you did for us to show you how much we love you.

Have some place a crucifix on the table.

All: We Celebrate

Reader 6: We are an Easter people who rejoice in the wonder and joy of your resurrection. Through our actions others come to know you. We celebrate all those who chose to learn about you and will enter the Catholic Church this coming Triduum.

Have some place a bible or RCIA book on the table.

All: We Celebrate

We BELIEVE

Reader 7: At the last supper you washed all the disciples' feet, teaching them that they needed to serve others in order to be your true followers. We believe that we are also called to serve one another daily.

Have some place a bowl and towel on the table.

All: We Believe

Reader 8: You were on the cross with a thief on your right and a thief on your left. One thief showed true sorrow for what he had done wrong and you forgave him. You told him that today he would be with you in paradise. We believe that if we show true sorrow for our sins and ask for forgiveness, you will forgive us and welcome us home.

Have some place the word forgiveness on the table.

All: We Believe

Reader 9: Through our baptism we are called to be an Easter people, to be light and life in the world.

Have some place a white baptism gown or baptism candle on the table.

All: We Believe

Leader: We remember, we celebrate and we believe. In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Supplies and Preparation

Opening Prayer

- Empty table with room enough for all participants to gather around it
- Nine readers
- Copies of Handout 1: *Opening Prayer*
We REMEMBER, We CELEBRATE, We BELIEVE (print one per person, double-sided)
- Nine volunteers to place the following items on the table at the designated time during the prayer: *9 readers / 9 volunteers*
 - Bread or paten and wine or chalice
 - Nails
 - Paschal candle
 - Picture of your priest or a vestment
 - Crucifix
 - White baptism gown or baptism candle
 - Bowl and towel
 - The word forgiveness
 - Bible or RCIA book

