Worship Meeting Agenda

OPENING PRAYER
- Sing “Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God,” by Marty Haugen (© 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.) or “El Señor es mi pastor,” by Ronald F. Krisman (© 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail), accompanied by a parish musician or a YouTube recording. Ask a reader from the group to proclaim the Gospel from the Fourth Sunday of Easter, John 10:1–10 (stand as it is read), and enthrone the Book of the Gospels for the remainder of the meeting. Spend eight minutes in dialogue: If Jesus is the “gate,” how can this committee lead others to follow him?
- If possible, gather initially in the church or parish chapel if it is nearby. Light the Paschal candle and pray two decades of the Rosary, reflecting on the Joyful Mysteries. Light a candle in the center of the table as each Hail Mary is recited. Mention and note that these candles serve to illuminate the meeting’s discussions.
- Begin with the Sign of the Cross, followed by a reflective reading of the Exsultet. Conclude with a procession to the meeting place as a leader recites the Litany of the Saints (drawing from the litany in the appendix of the Order of Baptism of Children) and the committee responds.

TRACKING PROGRESS
- Ask a committee member to assemble the photos from Holy Week and Triduum liturgies and save them on a flash drive. Ask and respond briefly: What does Pentecost mean to this parish? What needs to be emphasized in addition to Scripture and preaching?
- Help the vacation Bible school leaders locate volunteers, materials, and musicians. If your parish is small, consider sharing the week with a nearby parish, and to do so, make those connections now.
- Identify areas on the worship committee that need more support: Is there energy and agreement around a two-year term limit? Make certain that the meeting time and day is convenient for most. Discuss and decide if one electronic meeting a year would be interesting or helpful in moving forward.
- Anticipate at least one outdoor meeting or event that takes advantage of increasingly kind weather in your part of this world. A picnic, a barbecue at the parish, or some type of informal social for all liturgical ministers and families would benefit from a summer choir, especially if the choir doesn’t sing during the summer? Encourage the music minister to invite parents and students, ages twelve and up, to come an hour before Mass, rehearse briefly, and lead the singing.
- Plan to post on the parish website the downloadable article “Young People Seek Room to Grow, Engage with Faith,” by Kathryn Ball-Boruff, as a handout for vacation Bible school and parents of children in religious education. Distribute both articles in the bulletin.

SENDING FORTH IN MISSION
- Recite two additional decades of the Rosary that opened the worship committee meeting, promising to say the last decade during the week to come—for the intentions of those on the worship committee. Sing together “Immaculate Mary” (LOURDES HYMN) found in most hymnals.
- Proclaim the words of St. Paul, Colossians 3:1–17, and conclude with the Collect from the Mass for a Spiritual or Pastoral Gathering (20), under Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions.
- From appendix five in the Missal, lead and pray the Intercessions of Easter Time (8), including the introduction and concluding prayer.

INTENTIONAL ACTS DURING SUMMER
- Ask two members to prepare a ten-minute presentation around this issue’s article “Lifting Every Voice: Christus vivit and the Liturgy,” by Nicole M. Perone. Ask, answer, and note the responses to these questions: What area of worship can we affect immediately to attract/include more youth? What longer-range outreach can we prepare so that more young people have heightened visibility and participation during our Sunday celebrations?
- Encourage the Christian initiation team to evangelize on the parish website. Support formation of a summer team to attract and welcome new life to the precatechumenate. Check with the Christian initiation team whether anyone has discerned readiness for the catechumenate. If so, schedule the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for early summer.
- Welcome college students home for the summer and high school graduates to the ranks of college or job-bound. A blessing for each group during all the Masses on a Sunday in June builds community. Schedule blessings during Mass for Mother’s Day and for Father’s Day weekends. Would the parish benefit from a summer choir, especially if the choir doesn’t sing during the summer? Encourage the music minister to invite parents and students, ages twelve and up, to come an hour before Mass, rehearse briefly, and lead the singing.

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