

Eucharist Session 4—Whole Community Ritual/Intergenerational Catechesis

We Listen

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“Open My Eyes,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 10.

Procession

Leader: *Let us pray.
Make the Sign of the Cross together.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: *Father, send the Holy Spirit to open our ears and hearts that we may hear and live your Word. We ask this in Jesus' name.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

Leader: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Signing

Leader: *Loving Father, we want to live by your Word.
Trace the Sign of the Cross on your partner's forehead.*

May your words be in our minds.

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your partner's lips.

May your words be in our mouths.

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your partner's heart.

May your words be in our hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Read Matthew 13:1–23.

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Sit silently.*

Reflection

- How do you prepare yourself to hear the word of God?

Closing Prayer

Leader: *Loving God, we thank you for your word.
Help us remember and share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

