

We Go Forth

Gathering Rite

Opening Song

“Coming Back Together,” *Songs of Celebration* CD, track 6.

Procession

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

Opening Prayer

Leader: *Loving God, we come together in your presence to remember that we are your children. You call us to be children of light. Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit that we will understand your Word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Celebration of the Word

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

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.
Read John 20:19–23.*

Leader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Reflection

- Which words or phrases in the Gospel reading are important for you?

Sprinkling with Water and Sign of Peace

Leader: *You have been baptized in Christ and you are called to bring his light and peace to the world.*

All: *Amen. Alleluia!*

Leader: *Go forth to offer the Sign of Peace to others.*

Closing Prayer

Leader: *God, our Father, send us the Holy Spirit, the giver of peace, that we may go forth as a people of peace and forgiveness.*

All: *Amen.*

