



SUGGESTED HOLY HOUR FOR USE DURING LAUNCH WEEK

The following Holy Hour is in three sections or it can be used as the basis for three separate Holy Hours. We are welcomed, chosen and sent out.

Vol. III of the Lectionary contains many biblical readings suggested for use at the celebration of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

1 WELCOMED

Music – All are Welcome – Marty Haugen

Reading – Acts 4:32 - 36

Silence (Option here to play quiet music)

Response –

Help us O Risen Lord
to proclaim your Resurrection,

by bringing good news to the poor

and healing the hearts that are broken.

Help us O Risen Lord

to proclaim your resurrection

by feeding those who are hungry

and clothing those who are naked.

Help us O Risen Lord
to proclaim your resurrection
by releasing the captives of injustice
and all those who are imprisoned by their sins

Help us O Risen Lord
to proclaim your resurrection
by welcoming strangers
and visiting those who are lonely.

Help us O Risen Lord
to proclaim your resurrection
by bringing your peace to those who are in trouble
and your joy to those who are in sorrow.

2 CHOSEN

Music – Do Not Be Afraid

Reading – Colossians 3:12 - 17

Silence (Option here to play quiet music)

Response –

Leader: Gracious God, for your love for us,
gentle as a shower, healing our pain,
binding our wounds,

All: *We give you thanks*

Leader: For your love for us,
sure as the dawn,
transforming our darkness,
revealing your truth,

All: *We give you thanks*

Leader: For your love for us so merciful,
steadfast,
unconditional,
calling us up to you,
raising us up,

All: *We give you thanks*

3 SENT OUT

Music – God’s Spirit is in my heart

Reading – Matthew 25:31 - 46

Silence (Option here to play quiet music)

Response

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life

and the desire of our lives,

whose love was given a human face

*in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that waits to enslave us all
and who love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.*

*Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt,
in God we trust;
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to love in peace.
To care for the earth and to share
the commonwealth of God's goodness.
To live in the freedom of forgiveness,
and the power of the Spirit of love.
And in the company of the faithful
so to be the church for the glory of God. Amen.*

Prayer – Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful...

Final Hymn – Love Divine