

BIBLE ENTHRONEMENT

(2022 National Bible Month: #WORD OF GOD RESTORES)

BIBLE BEARER: *(place the Bible (OPEN THE BIBLE) on the Bible stand)*

THE BIBLE: LORD GOD, AS WE ENTHRONE THE BIBLE, we gather together as one family of believers of your Word. You said in Matthew 18:19-20 "And I tell you more: whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them. As we open the Bible Month this January 2021, we thank you for your presence in us and for giving us this opportunity to celebrate your Word enshrined in Sacred Scripture.

CANDLE BEARER:

THE CANDLE: LORD GOD, AS WE OFFER THIS CANDLE, you said in John 8:12: "I am the light of the world," "Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." This lighted candle symbolizes your presence in us. Open and touch our minds and hearts that we may discover, understand and live your message for us. Be our light Lord especially in this time of the pandemic, having the hope that you are faithful to your Words.

(Place the lighted candle on the candle stand)

FLOWER BEARER:

THE FLOWERS: LORD GOD, AS WE OFFER THESE FLOWERS, you said in Isaiah 55:10-11: "My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seeds for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak- it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do. These flowers symbolize us being nurtured in your Word. As we enjoy the rain: the Word coming from You, may it quench our thirst and nurture us as we continue to bloom like the flowers and share its fragrance to others.

(Place the flowers on the flower stand)

PRIEST: Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God from all eternity, we praise and worship you for giving us this opportunity to celebrate your Word this Bible Month. We believe and claim that the WORD OF GOD RESTORES. Give us your grace for us to listen to Your message of life and be touched by it. We praise and thank you too for choosing us to proclaim and share the riches of the Good News with our brothers and sisters, so that we may become a true community based on your word of life, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

(Optional: The priest may incense the Bible)

The priest will proceed to the altar table and the usual proper flow of the mass follows.

SUGGESTED FLOW WITHIN THE MASS FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE BIBLE

Prepare the following for the enthronement:

- a Catholic Bible, preferably in the local language

(Please don't use the Book of the Gospel or Lectionary as a substitute for the Bible)

- a draped stand or table for the Bible
- match/lighter
- a candle in a glass
- candle stand
- flowers in vase
- flower stand
- incense/censer *(optional)*

Order of Entrance Procession:

- Altar Servers
- Lector carrying the Gospel Book
- Lay Ministers
- 1 Flower Bearer (more flowers is optional)
- 1 Bible Candle Bearer
- Bible Bearer
 - Option:** Priest or a representative from the Parish Biblical Ministry Team

A) The flow of the Bible Enthronement:

If the *Bible bearer is a lay leader:

Entrance procession

- a.a) Altar Servers
- a.b) Lector carrying the Gospel Book
- a.c) Lay Ministers
- a.d) 1 Flower Bearer (more flowers is optional)
- a.e) 1 Bible Candle Bearer
- a.f) Bible Bearer *(a representative from the Parish Biblical Ministry Team)
- a.g) Priest Presider

Instructions:

- 1) Entrance procession.
- 2) Everybody will wait for the priest to kiss the altar table. Then the Altar servers, Lector, Lay Ministers will proceed to their respective stations. While the flower, candle, and bible bearer will remain standing near the altar where the Bible will be enthroned.
- 3) After the priest makes the Sign of the Cross, the Bible Bearer will now place the **Open Bible** on the Bible stand then read the prayer.
- 4) The candle bearer now read the prayer before placing the lighted candle on the candle stand.
- 5) The flower bearer now read the prayer before placing the flowers on the flower stand.
- 6) The priest now read the prayer, then approach the enthroned Bible and incense it.
- 7) The priest now proceeds to the altar table and the usual proper flow of the mass follows.

B) If the Bible Bearer is a priest

Entrance procession

- a.a) Altar Servers
- a.b) Lector carrying the Gospel Book
- a.c) Lay Ministers
- a.d) 1 Flower Bearer (more flowers is optional)
- a.e) 1 Bible Candle Bearer
- a.f) Bible Bearer

Instructions:

- 1) Entrance procession.
- 2) The altar servers, lectors, lay ministers, flower bearer, candle bearer will wait for the priest to enthrone the Bible.
- 3) The Priest who holds the Bible will now place the Open Bible on the Bible stand then read the prayer.

- 4) The candle bearer now read the prayer before placing the lighted candle on the candle stand.
- 5) The flower bearer now read the prayer before placing the flowers on the flower stand.
- 6) The priest now read the prayer, then approach the enthroned Bible and incense it.
- 7) The priest now proceeds to the altar table and the usual proper flow of the mass follows.