

Ideas for Liturgies in the Online Classroom

Liturgies for Openings

Large Group Opening	Lower School Class Opening	Upper School Class Opening
The Lord's Prayer	Call class to attention with a poem recited together or a	Call Class to attention with "I am indeed a king" Response:
Announcements	hymn	"For I know how to rule myself." Repeat until all are
Birthdays	Recite memory work	attentive.
Picture or Composer Study	Read aloud from one of the week's readings in any	Prayer before Study (See Prayers & Blessings
Sing the Doxology	content area and transition to the discussion by having 1-3	Document)
Dismiss with "May the Lord be with you" Response: "And also with you."	students narrate aloud.	Pull up your whiteboard and present a question related to the day's reading for the students to reflect on and write about for 5 minutes.
		Read some of the day's reading aloud and transition into a discussion drawing on the leading question.

Liturgies for Endings

Large Group Ending Lower School Class Ending Upper School Class Ending
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Call Group to attention with "I am indeed a king" Response:	Call to Attention	Call to Attention
"For I know how to rule myself." Repeat until all are attentive. Class Recitation or	Have each student share something that was meaningful from the learning experience.	5 minutes of personal reflection and journaling time where students reflect on what they learned.
Presentations (You can create a schedule where classes take turns presenting on different weeks.) Moment of silence and gratitude	Moment of silence where each student privately thanks God for the meaningful thing. Ending prayer or hymn or affirmations	Express gratitude for ideas and people: Go around and have each student share something they appreciated learning and something they appreciated that another student said or did.
Irish Blessing recited as a group (See Prayers & Blessings Document)		Prayer after study (See Prayers & Blessings Document)

Content-Specific Liturgies that Work Online

Artist Study

- While in Zoom, share your screen to share the artwork with the community. (Tip: *Choose an image file that allows you to fill your entire screen. WikiArt and Wikipedia have public domain images in full resolution that work perfectly for this.*)
 - Ambleside Online has a robust idea list for what artists to study, their works, and links for learning more.
- Ask everyone to mute themselves.
- Set a timer for 1-5 minutes and have each family observe the painting for the selected amount of time.
- Come back together for discussion. Here are some questions you can use. These are from John Muir Laws. (Tip: *These make great questions for everything from art to literature to nature study and more.*)
 - What did you notice?
 - What did you wonder?
 - What did it remind you of?

Composer Study

- While in Zoom, Send everyone a link to the music in the chatbox.
 - Ambleside Online has a robust idea list for what composers to study, their works, and links for learning more.
- Ask everyone to mute themselves.

- Ask everyone to play the music from their end. No more than 5-10 minutes. (Tip: *sharing the audio from your device does not work well in Zoom. It produces a higher quality experience for each person to play audio files from their end.*)
- Set a timer and have each family listen for the selected amount of time
- Come back together for discussion. Here are some questions you can use.
 - What did you notice?
 - What did you wonder?
 - What did it remind you of?