

## Year 6 leavers Liturgy: readers' script

### Introduction

#### Opening Hymn: The Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe  
Entered our world, your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

This is our God, The Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to The Servant King

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' He said

*Chorus*

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered

*Chorus*

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

*Chorus*

## Opening prayer

**Patryk :** We gather together to celebrate our time at primary school. We are looking forward to the changes that are ahead. This is a time for reflection; it is a time for us to stop and think; it is also a time for us to say thank you and to celebrate.

**Mike :** As we think about the great times we have had at this school, we pray for courage to take up the challenges we face in the future.

**Tino:** During our time in primary school we have grown as a community based around faith in God. This faith and our experiences in this school will help us to move on to our new schools with confidence.

## Children share thankful memory of their time at St Martha's

**The response is:** We thank you for this special memory

**Kornelija C:** Dear Lord,

We thank you for all the great things we have done at this school.

**Marika:** We have learnt so much; we have had fun; we have grown up.

**Rionne:** Look after us as we prepare for a future in a new school.

**Zakk:** Help us stay true to the faith and values that have been so important in this school.

**Akhil:** Help us aspire to *be* more. Amen

## Liturgy of the Word

**Kornelia K:** We are God's family; filled with the Holy Spirit let us pray together:

**Freya:** We are part of a community, we build it together.

We aspire to be more.

We aspire to build a strong community in our school.

**Ellyza:** Oscar Romero was the Archbishop of El Salvador and he was murdered in 1980, for criticising the government that kept people very poor.

**Tomin:** Oscar Romero knew that he was risking his life. And yet, like Jesus, he continued to speak out against the things he knew were wrong.

**Tino:** Romero tried day by day not to *have* more, but to *be* more.

**Ekene:** Romero has inspired many people all over the world, because he tried to live the Gospel. Let's listen to part of the Gospel now. As we proclaim the Word of God, try to understand what the words mean to you and your life.

**Abin:** A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew.

[Jesus said] "Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?

And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted.

So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All say:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Antek:** Jesus calls each one of us by name. We are all special. The Bible tells us that God even knows the number of hairs on our heads.

**Gvidas:** In this school we are all important. We all work together to build a strong school community.

**Adaora:** We have built this community by making friends and treating others as we wish to be treated. We have become a community by sharing experiences with children of different ages, abilities and backgrounds.

**Karylle:** We have also built a faith community. We have prayed together, celebrated Mass together and shared our faith. Jesus tells us we should not be afraid, we are loved and he will help our transition into a new school.

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Lexi:** Let us pray together

The response is: Lord Hear our Prayer

**Joanna:** As we all go on to our different high schools, help us always to aspire to be more. **(Response)**

**George:** We pray for the school community we leave behind that they will continue to grow and enjoy their time at St Martha's **(Response)**

**Angel S:** We pray for our families, who cannot be with us today. **(Response)**

**Nigel:** We bring all our Prayers to Mary as we say.... **Hail Mary...**

### **Looking ahead to our new schools**

**Rachel:** We are God's family; filled with the Holy Spirit we proclaim together:

**Chantelle:** We are part of a community, we build it together.

We aspire to be more.

We aspire to build strong communities in our new schools.

**Dominik:** The Gospel that we heard earlier told us how much God cares for us. So we need not be afraid of the future. God will be with us in our new schools. We can look forward with hope.

**Teacher:** We invite each of you to come forward and accept your gifts from St Martha's. We pray that whenever you look at them you will be given courage to become all that you aspire to be, in your new school and in the world.

**Annabel:** Let us pray together.

Thank you for all the wonderful things we have learnt at this school and all the fantastic friends we have made.

**Patryk:** Thank you for all the wonderful teachers who have worked so hard for us.

**Mike:** Thank you for our parents who have helped us to grow up.

**Benas:** Care for us as your children, and help us not to worry about the changes ahead of us.

**Angel T:** Help us to remember that you are always with us.

**Roberto:** May we go forth in the name of the Lord to Love and serve the world....

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Recessional Hymn: I Watch the Sunrise**

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,  
Casting its shadows near.  
And on this morning bright though it be,  
I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,  
Warming the earth below.  
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:  
I feel your brightness near me.

For you are always  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunset fading away,  
Lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes its eyes,  
I feel your presence near me.

For you are always  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
Waiting till morning comes.  
The air is silent, earth is at rest  
Only your peace is near me.

Yes, you are always  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.