**LITANY OF WELCOME**

**Reader 1:** Who are you? Are you in grade school?   
Are you a teenager or young adult? Are you retired?   
Are you single? Are you married?   
Are you a parent or grandparent?   
Are you expecting a child? Are you a widow or widower?

**Reader 2:** Well, if you are, then you belong to Jesus.   
Jesus welcomes you today.

**Reader 1:** Are you living with a disability?   
Have you recently lost a loved one?   
Are you in need of physical healing?   
Are you living with a mental illness?   
Are you looking for meaning in your life?   
Are you struggling to make ends meet?

**Reader 2:** Well, if you are, then you belong to Jesus.   
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**Reader 1:** Are you from another city? Another country? Another culture?   
Are you learning a new language?   
Are you struggling with depression?   
Have you been a victim of discrimination or harassment?

**Reader 2:** Well, if you are, then you belong to Jesus.   
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**Reader 1:** Are you a member of our parish community?   
Are you new here today? Are you afraid you may not be accepted? Are you afraid of rejection? Are you full of doubt?   
Are you looking for a community of faith?   
Are you longing to celebrate God’s presence in your life?

**Reader 2:** Well, if you are, then you belong to Jesus.   
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**INTRODUCTION**

Good (Morning/Evening).

(Today/Tonight) we welcome all guests and visitors as we celebrate the (XXXth Sunday in Ordinary Time) and the Celebration of Life Mass. (Today/Tonight) we recognize the uniqueness, dignity and giftedness of all people, as we are, created in the image and likeness of God. This special Mass affirms all people from the very young to the elderly, and especially persons with physical and intellectual disabilities and mental illness. As we begin this Celebration of Life Mass, please join in our Gathering Song # XXX “(Title),” #XXX.