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## Primary Assembly Liturgy: Blessed Carlo Acutis

(3 May 1991- 12 October 2006)  
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### INTRODUCTION

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

We gather to pray to and for Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young boy who loved Jesus. Let us close our eyes and become very still for a minute and become aware of the presence of God here with us.

### OPENING PRAYER

God Our Father,

We thank you for the gift of Blessed Carlo Acutis. We ask that through his example we may, with guidance from the Holy Spirit always put God first in our lives. Help us also to show our love for others by the way we treat them.

We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

### SCRIPTURE READING

Let us now listen to a Reading from the Gospel of John (Jn 15:16-17)

Jesus said, ' You did not choose me,  
No, I chose you;  
and I asked you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
so that the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
My command to you  
is to love one another.  
Amen.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Psalm

Let us listen to and sing along with the words of the hymn 'Here I am Lord'

<https://youtu.be/EcxOkht8w7c>

## Reflection

Carlo loved computers and computer games. He also loved Jesus. Carlo create a website about Communion. He loved receiving Communion and he went to Mass every day. He even went when he was on holiday! In fact, because of his example his mother began to go to Mass.

Carlo believed that when we receive Jesus in the Sacrament, we become like Jesus. He wanted everyone to follow and love Jesus. His family, friends and teachers were amazed by Carlo because he was very holy. However, he was also great fun and loved to play with his friends. He always looked after those who were sad or being bullied. He became like Jesus, always helping and caring for others.

Carlo did not believe in following others just to be popular. He did not follow film stars, You Tube stars etc. He wanted to be unique. He did not want to be a photocopy of someone else. Carlo realised that he was created by God for a special purpose and that meant he had to be himself.

Carlo is a modern- day saint. He is a saint who wore t-shirts and jeans and kicked a football. He is a saint who like PlayStation and mobile phones. We do not expect someone like Carlo to be a saint! But he is! He is now called 'Blessed.' Soon he will be called Saint Carlo.

Carlo died when he was only 15 but he was very happy because during his life he showed his love for God and for others. He is a very unexpected teacher, but he has a lesson for us all.

Just think - you are also a saint in the maing!

## INTERCESSIONS

### Leader

We now turn to God in prayer. Let us pray that we may be faithful witnesses of God's Spirit. The response to our prayer is: '**Lord hear our Prayer**'

### God our Father,

Help us to show our love for God, as Carlo did, by going to Mass and Confession regularly.

**Lord hear our Prayer** (all repeat)

### God our Father

Help us listen to your voice calling us to do good in the world.

**Lord hear our Prayer** (all repeat)

### God our Father

Help us to use the internet and social media wisely. Help us to put technology to good use – to help others.

***Lord hear our Prayer*** (all repeat)

**God our Father**

We ask Blessed Carlo to intercede for us. We ask for your healing for the sick and suffering. We pray especially for those who are very ill that they may find strength through the story of Carlo's own suffering.

***Lord hear our Prayer*** (all repeat)

**Leader:** God our Father, guide us with your Spirit, as we reflect upon the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. May we be inspired by him and trust in his presence in heaven as we ask him to intercede for us. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

United as the family of God, we pray together the prayer that Jesus himself gave us

*Our Father*

Lord,

We pray that following Carlo's example  
we may celebrate life,  
celebrate the sacraments regularly,  
listen to God calling us in our life,  
answer his call and  
go forth and 'bear fruit.'

**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord Amen.**