

Sermon Evaluation

(Adapted from the Episcopal Divinity School; HYPERLINK "<http://www.episdivschool.edu/academic/3FEeval.html>" <http://www.episdivschool.edu/academic/3FEeval.html>)

Preacher: _____

Date: _____

Evaluation by:

___ **Mentor Group member**

___ **Homiletics Feedback group member**

___ **Supervising priest (i.e., the priest present during a sermon delivered before a congregation that is not the mentor group or the homiletics feedback group)**

Regarding the sermon you just heard, indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Scale: 1 (Strongly agree) 2 (Agree) 3 (Uncertain) 4 (Disagree) 5 (Strongly disagree)

A. What was the Good News from God in the sermon?

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | <i>The homily struck me as "good news."</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | N/A | | | | | |
| 2. | <i>The homily helped me encounter God.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | N/A | | | | | |
| 3. | <i>I was inspired and/or challenged by the sermon.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | N/A | | | | | |

B. Did the sermon honor the integrity of the Bible, the topic, or the liturgical setting?

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| 1. | <i>The sermon made good use of the readings.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | N/A | | | | | |
| 2. | <i>The sermon was well integrated into the liturgy.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | N/A | | | | | |
| 3. | <i>The sermon helped prepare me for the Eucharist.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | N/A | | | | | |

C. Was the sermon theologically adequate?

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| 1. | <i>The sermon was appropriate to the Christian faith as I understand it.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |
| 2. | <i>The sermon was consistent with other things Christians say and do.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 3. | <i>The sermon was understandable.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |
| 4. | <i>I could imagine the world of the sermon.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |
| 5. | <i>The sermon was morally plausible.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| N/A | | | | | | | |

D. Did the sermon relate the text or topic to the congregation in a responsible way?

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|-----|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | <i>The preacher connected with the congregation.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |
| 2. | <i>The preacher spoke to my experience.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |
| 3. | <i>The preacher spoke down to us.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |

Scale: 1 (Strongly agree) 2 (Agree) 3 (Uncertain) 4 (Disagree) 5 (Strongly disagree)

E. What was the significance of the sermon for the congregation?

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| 1. | <i>The sermon made specific points of contact with the local context.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |
| 2. | <i>The sermon was appropriate to the situation of the congregation.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |
| 3. | <i>The homilist helped me and/or the congregation live the Gospel more fully.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |

F. Did the sermon move in a way that was easy to follow?

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| 1. | <i>The preacher helped me stay on track throughout the sermon.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |
| 2. | <i>The sermon was well-prepared.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| N/A | | | | | | |
| 3. | <i>The preacher drew me into the sermon with a strong introduction.</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

N/A

4. *The sermon had a clear conclusion.* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

5. *The sermon was an appropriate length.* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

G. Did the preacher embody the sermon in an engaging way?

1. *The preacher exhibited a sense of personal faith and spirituality.* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

2. *The preacher conveyed a sense of presence.* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

3. *The preacher made good use of voice (clear, well modulated, familiar tone).* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

4. *The preacher referred to notes or manuscript appropriately.* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

5. *The preacher maintained good eye contact.* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

6. *The preacher exhibited good posture.* 1 2 3 4 5

N/A

Optional question: I want to offer the following advice and suggestions to the preacher so that s/he might continue to grow in effectiveness as a preacher: