

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** type.
“*” Indicates where you are invited to stand as you are able.

*Procession (*please stand at the sound of the bell*)

*Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

*Canticle of Praise (Song of Zechariah)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *

you have come to your people and set them free.

*You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, **

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old

*to save us from our enemies, **

from the hands of all who hate us,

*To show mercy to our forebears, **

and to remember your holy covenant.

*This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, **

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

*Free to worship you without fear, **

holy and righteous before you,

all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet

*of the Most High, **

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

*To give God's people knowledge of salvation **

by the forgiveness of their sins.

*In the tender compassion of our God **

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness

*and the shadow of death, **

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray...

The celebrant says the Collect. At the conclusion, all respond with ***“Amen”***.

First Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

At the conclusion of the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

*Then was our mouth filled with laughter, **
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

*Then they said among the nations, **
"The LORD has done great things for them."

*The LORD has done great things for us, **
and we are glad indeed.

*Restore our fortunes, O LORD, **
like the watercourses of the Negev.

*Those who sowed with tears **
will reap with songs of joy.

*Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, **
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

At the conclusion of the reading:

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God

*Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8,19-28

Prior to the reading:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to your, Lord Christ

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Kyle Cuperwich

The Nicene Creed

from *Book of Common Prayer 1979*

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

*of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

After each petition ends in "Lord, in your mercy", all respond with "*hear our prayer.*"

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
*we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The priest then offers the absolution.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Please exchange a "no contact" sign of peace with those around you. Examples include a wave or a bow.

Announcements

Offertory

The table is now prepared for the Eucharist. Monetary offerings can be placed in the designated collection plate at the conclusion or worship.

Once the table is prepared, all stand the following is said:

Blessed are you O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer. Fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, it will become for us the Bread of Life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands, it will become for us the Drink of Life.

Blessed be God forever.

*The Eucharist

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

In this portion of the prayer, the Celebrant gives thanks to God the Father, for God's work in creation and revelation to God's people. Then follows the Sanctus, an angelic song of praise to God:

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant now offers praise to God for God's work of salvation in the world through Jesus Christ. This act of praise recalls the events of Jesus' final meal with his disciples. It was at this meal where Jesus took the bread and the cup, blessed them as his Body and Blood, and gave them to his disciples. The Celebrant then calls for the Holy Spirit to be sent upon the gifts so "they may be Body and Blood of Christ," upon us gathered here, and upon the whole earth to bring all things into God's new creation. The Eucharistic prayer then concludes with the final doxology, all responding with AMEN.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

***The Breaking of the Bread**

The Celebrant breaks the bread, followed by a period of silence. Then, the following is said
God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

***The Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For the distribution of the Eucharist, please remain in your seat. The altar party will be coming to you with the Sacrament. Please hold out your hands to be sprayed with hand sanitizer by the deacon. Once you have rubbed the sanitizer into your hand, the priest will then follow with the bread. When receiving the Sacrament, hold out your hands flat to allow for the bread to be "dropped" in a way that minimizes skin contact. At this time, only the bread will be offered.

If you do not wish to receive, simply cross your arms and the priest will offer a blessing. Additionally, you may pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below:

*Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you
to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you
with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate
me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I
come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

(From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Blessing and Dismissal**

The priest offers a blessing. The deacon or priest then offers the following dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us today! Please keep you interacting brief as you exit the worship space.