

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** type.

“*” Indicates where you are invited to stand as you are able.

*Procession and Christmas Proclamation (*please stand at the sound of the bell*)

*Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. 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

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Thanks be to God

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97

The LORD is King;
*let the earth rejoice; **
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
Confounded be all who worship carved images
*and delight in false gods! **
Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
For you are the LORD,
*most high over all the earth; **
you are exalted far above all gods.
The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

At the conclusion of the reading:
Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
Thanks be to God

*Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Prior to the reading:
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to your, Lord Christ
After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

***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.*"

***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 him 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:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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. Then follows:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **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 or worship leader. 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**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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 your interactions brief as you exit the worship space.