

Prayer Over the People and Dismissal (all bow or kneel)

The priest offers a prayer over the people. Then follows the dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for joining us today! After the dismissal, please remain at your seat until the altar party has walked down the center aisle. Additionally, please keep your interactions brief as you exit the worship space.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Congregational response are in bold italic type.

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

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

***Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be the God of our salvation

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The priest reads a sentence of Scripture. The prayer of confession then follows.

Prayer of Confession (all kneel or bow as able)

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.

***Kyrie eleison**

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

***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

Numbers 21:4-9

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Thanks be to God

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

*Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

*He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

*Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.*

*They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.*

*Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.*

*He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.*

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.*

*Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.*

***The Breaking of the Bread**

The Celebrant breaks the bread, followed by a period of silence. Then, the following is said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

***The Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

When receiving the Sacrament, hold out your hands flat to allow the worship leader to spray them with sanitizer. The priest will then “drop” the bread 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.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

At the conclusion of the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God

***Gospel Reading**

John 3:14-21

Prior to the reading:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, 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 The Book of the 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 world 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.

All continue to stand or kneel. 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: