

The Service

The order of the regular, sung service with opening phrases

Worship is an act composed of ritual, ceremony and liturgy. Liturgy by definition is the “work of the people.” Liturgy celebrates the mystery that is God. This is the fundamental truth on which the celebration of all the Church’s rites depend. Other forms of prayer exist as devotional aids, but only in common liturgical worship can the People of God respond to the command, “Do this in remembrance of me.” If liturgy means the People of God working to praise the Creator, then in liturgical celebrations we should strive to be as perfect as humanly possible.

By its nature liturgy is ordered worship. In Word and Sacrament liturgy proclaims the Incarnation and promises Resurrection.

The Word of God

- Prelude
- Processional Hymn
- Opening Acclamation
(changes according to the church calendar)
“Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”
- Collect for Purity
“Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,…”
- Summary of the Law
“Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:”
- Kyrie
“Lord, have mercy upon us, …”
- Gloria in Excelsis
“Glory be to God on high,”
- The Collect of the Day
Different each Sunday—see insert in the bulletin.
- The Lessons
First reading
“A Reading from…”
Different each Sunday—see insert in the bulletin.
Psalm
Different each Sunday—see insert in the bulletin.
Second reading
“The second Reading is from…”
Different each Sunday—see insert in the bulletin.
Alleluia Tract (or sequence hymn)
Gospel
“The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to…”

- Homily (sermon)
- The Nicene Creed
“We believe in one God,...”
- Prayers of the People
“In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.”
- Confession and Absolution
“Most merciful God, we confess...”
 followed by
“Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins...”
- The Peace
“The peace of the Lord be always with you.”
- Announcements
- Offertory Sentences
“Walk in love as Christ loved us...”

The Holy Communion

- Offertory
 Anthem and Presentation Hymn
 Different each Sunday—see the bulletin.
- Prayer
“Pray, beloved, that this our sacrifice...”
- The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer II
“The Lord be with You.”
 Sanctus and Benedictus
“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:”
- Consecration
“All glory be to thee, Almighty God...”
 The Lord’s Prayer
“Our Father...”
 The Breaking of Bread and the Fraction Anthem
“[Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:”
Agnus Dei (“O Lamb of God,...”)
 Prayer of Humble Access (sometimes omitted)
“We do not presume to come to this thy Table,...
- Invitation to Communion
“The Gifts of God for the People of God.”
- Postcommunion Prayer
“Almighty and everliving God,...”
- Blessing
“The peace of God,...”
- Recessional Hymn
- Dismissal
“Let us go forth in the name of Christ. [Alleluia]”