

# 10:45 HOLY EUCHARIST

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church  
San Francisco, California  
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# Concerning the Service

- ✠ The Liturgy is designed to be conducted with three deacons, one or two cantors, one children's preacher and one presider, who customarily preaches in the main assembly.
- ✠ Occasionally the preacher does not preside in the liturgy. In this instance a presbyter or bishop takes the presider's role. When the roles are divided, the presider and preacher change places during the hymn before the Gospel.
- ✠ When ordained deacons are not available to function liturgically their work may be taken by the non-ordained.
- ✠ The crucial practice for all participants in the liturgy is prayerful attention; that is watching the entire liturgy with an eye to the whole action and covering lines or tasks when they are dropped.
- ✠ The core value of the liturgy is glorifying the stranger through clear, direct, warm invitation, thus making it possible for new-comers, old-timers, children and adults to all participate fully.
- ✠ Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, act like you mean it!

# Opening Rites

## Aaron Prayer

*Vested party, Cantor, Umbrellas, Bell-ringer: gather in the Vestry.*

*Cantor; cues vested party to read Aaron Prayer*

*Bell-ringer leaves vestry before prayer and rings tower bell*

*Vested party greets one another*

*Cantor leaves vestry to lead choir; signals Bell ringer to stop*

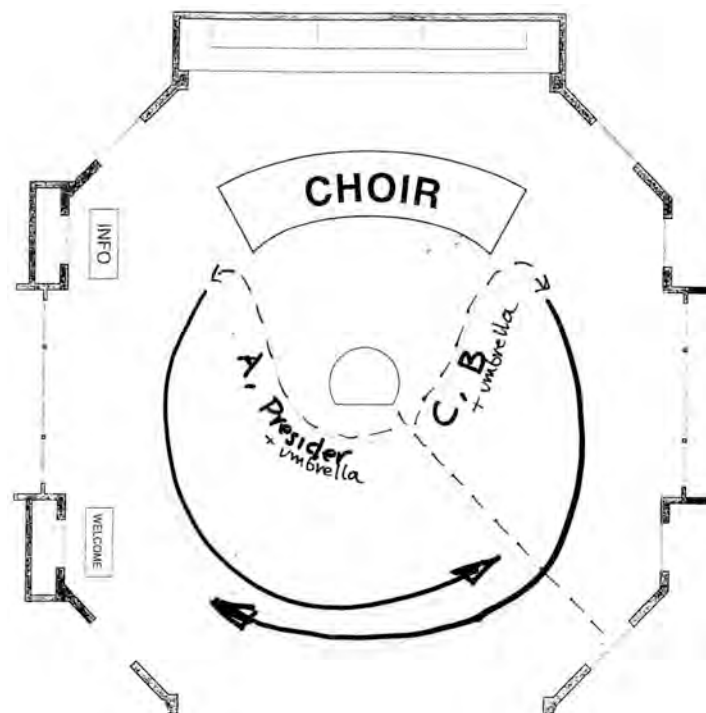
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## Greeting Procession and Announcements

*ORDER:*

*C (w/ CANDLE), B (w/ BOOK), Umbrella, A, Presider (w/ CROSS)  
Umbrella, others*

*Vested party goes to the Table, then splits: A and Presider to street side of choir, C and B to font side of choir. Vested party circles the room, greeting EVERYONE warmly, touching them with the left hand, without conversation, finally gathering on the round side of the Table.*



**Presider** as gong sounds: Christ is Risen!

**People** He is risen, indeed!

**Presider** Please come all the way on to the wood floor... *ad lib* to welcome, come in closer, transition to music warm up

**Announcer** stands with vested party right at center of table, speaks immediately.

**Announcer** Welcome to St. Gregory's! We hope you'll stay after the service for coffee hour right here, and healing prayer over here [gesture to healing prayer area].

Today, we'll also have [fill in ONE thing happening].

There's a lot going on at St. Gregory's this week. You'll find a flyer with details in the music books. If you have any questions, find me after the service.

### Trisagion and music warm-up

**Cantor** Let's sing together! Please open your books to number \_\_\_\_.

**Cantor** rehearses music, hitting the following points:

- Special welcome to first-timers, as they help create the liturgy
- Method for singing hymns in harmony, and at tempo

**MUSIC WARM-UP CANNOT BE LONGER THAN 5 MINUTES!!**

then:

I think we're ready to move on to the rest of the service!

**Presider** offers any special welcome or special event here

**Presider** Children – if you want to sit with your parents, go in with them. If you want to sit close to the front with me, come here now and we'll walk in together.

**ASSIGNED** We'll all go to the seating area singing an Alleluia that *(Cantor)* will teach us. Please go all the way to the far end of the building, leaving the chairs at this end for latecomers.

**Cantor** The Alleluia is very easy, and goes like this...

**Cantor** *teaches and then leads Alleluia refrain.*

### Procession to the seated area

**Presider** *enters on the STREET SIDE with A and children.*

**Deacon C** *moves at second Alleluia cycle to lead the procession into the seating area, on the HILL SIDE.*  
*pauses at the lectern to light the candle-lighter's wick,*  
*checks to see where Readers are seated.*

**Deacon B** *walks on the HILL SIDE and takes charge of umbrellas. Continues to the Presider's chair; checks to see where Readers are seated.*

**Deacon A** *settles children on the carpet, next to the presider on the STREET SIDE. Takes cross from Presider before the Blessing*

**Candle-lighting volunteer** *lights candles at lectern from C's candle*

**Presider** *stands in front of chair, handing cross to A*

**Cantor** *stands at the opposite end of the platform chanting the Psalm until everyone is in place, then signals the congregation to sing the final Alleluia and moves to his/her seat*

# Liturgy of the Word

## Incense Hymn


**Deacon B** gives Gospel Book to Presider

**Deacon A** from platform The Blessing and Incense Hymn are found at number \_\_\_ in your music book. Number \_\_\_.

**Cantor** gives Presider a pitch.


**Presider**

signs the cross over congregation with book

 Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

hands book back to B

People:

 And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Cantor** leads the Blessing and Incense Hymn.

**Deacon B** takes Gospel Book from Presider.

**Deacon A** hands cross to Presider for Erasmus Prayer.

during Incense Hymn:

**Deacon C** carries Candle to lectern, adds incense to the thurible, and then stands to the right of the lectern.

**Deacon B** carries Gospel book to lectern, places the Book on the stand and opens it to the Sh'ma, then stands to the left (font side) of lectern.

**Deacon A** remains with children.

## Erasmus Prayer

*Cantor offers Presider a pitch*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you!

*People:*      *And also with you!*

*Presider*      Let us pray!

O God of love,  
you are the true sun of the world,  
Evermore risen and never going down.  
We pray you to shine in our hearts,  
that the darkness of sin  
and the mist of error being driven away,  
we may this day and all our life long  
walk without stumbling  
in the way you have prepared for us,  
which is Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God in glory everlasting.

*All:*      *AMEN.*

<p><b>Deacon A</b> <i>takes cross from Presider and replaces it in its stand</i></p>
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## Sh'ma

**C/B** (whoever doesn't sing Sh'ma)

We'll sing number \_\_\_\_ *Sh'ma Israel*, at number \_\_\_\_".

**Cantor** gives pitch.

**ASSIGNED:** CONFIDENT SINGING VOICE

 "Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai..."

**Congregation** follows in English

*during the Sh'ma*

**B/C s** bring the First Reader to lectern; **B** stands on the Reader's left and **C** stands on the Reader's right.

## First Reading

**Deacon B** Please take your seats. (*pause until people stop rustling*)  
and hear a reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*Checks sound levels with Presider/Cantor.*

*Immediately following the Reading:*

**Cantor** rings pot bells.

**Deacon C** carries candle back to candle stand

**Deacon B** thanks Reader and returns to seat, leaving Gospel Book on the stand.

**Cantor** **TWO** minutes of silence, rings tingsha (hand cymbals).

## Canticle

**Deacon A** *(standing)* We'll sing the Canticle [or "Hymn"] found at number \_\_\_\_\_ in your books [or "colored insert"], \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of hymn)*. You'll find the Gospel responses at the bottom  
of the page [or "facing page" or "back of the sheet"]

Children who are coming for the children's sermon, follow  
me. *[gesture to the kids]*.

Please stand and sing number \_\_\_\_\_.

*At the beginning of the second stanza:*

**Deacon A** *Take the presiders' cross and gathers the children around the lectern.*

**Childrens Preacher** *goes to stand by the lectern*

*Midway through the Canticle:*

**B and C** *bring Gospel Reader to lectern; B stands on the Reader's left and C stands on the Reader's right.*

**Preacher** *if different from Presider, switch places now.*

## Gospel Reading

**Deacon C** *signs cross on Book, then crosses forehead, lips and heart*  
🎵 The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**People** *♩ Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**Reader** *reads or sings the Gospel*

**Deacon C** *after the reading stays at the lectern, holds HIGH the candle and sings*

**Deacon C** 🎵 The Gospel of the Lord!

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

**Cantor** *immediately begins Creek Nation Alleluia – NO ANNOUNCEMENT.*

**Deacon A** carries presider's cross and leads children to the chapel  
**Children's Preacher** follows the children to the chapel.

**Children's Preacher:** tells or reads story for children.  
Help children to think about their prayers.

**Deacon C** carries candle to stand  
**Deacon B** carries book close behind candle to Preacher.

**Cantor** signals the end of the Alleluia

**Cantor** Please take your seats.

**Cantor** rings pot-bells

**Cantor** **TWO** minutes of silence, rings tingsha (hand cymbals).

## Sermon

**Preacher** offers sermon of **TEN to TWELVE** minutes.

**Preacher** cues Cantor to ring pot-bells at end of sermon;

**Cantor** observes **ONE** minute silence; rings hand-bells

**Preacher** We complete the sermon together. If an experience of your own came to mind, please share it now while we listen for God speaking to us in the silence.

**Preacher** Limit sharing to no more than seven minutes, then:

Thank you all.

Let's sing some Alleluias!

**Deacon A** leads children back around the lectern area.  
**Children's Preacher** closes the chapel door and follows the children.

## Gospel Procession

**Deacon C** *steps immediately onto platform,*

The Alleluia is found at number \_\_\_ in your book.

As we sing, we'll carry the Gospel Book around for you to greet with a touch, a kiss, or a bow. If you can't reach the Book, please put your hand on the shoulder of someone who can.

Please stand and sing number \_\_\_.

**Deacon B** *helps Umbrella carriers and carries the maniple*

**Preacher** *stands and holds book for vested party to kiss.*

### **PROCESSION ORDER:**

**Deacon C** *carrying candle*

**Preacher** *carrying the book (NOTE: if a Guest Preacher is present, B carries the book, to keep the procession moving at the usual pace)*

### **OR**

**Child** *carrying the book (if a child is present and wants to participate)*

**Umbrella** *shadowing the book*

**Vested party** *mixed among other umbrellas.*

*The procession moves briskly through the congregation, making a point of stopping for the assembled children.*

**Vested party** *members smile, make eye contact, and touch people while singing and moving, without making conversation.*

**Cantor** *leads the singing from the platform, always facing the book.*

*As the procession reaches the Shrine,*

**Preacher** *places the book on the Shrine or helps the child to do so.*

**Deacon C** *rings the tower bell until the vested party has returned to their seats.*

**Deacon B** *assists Umbrella carriers to collapse / store umbrellas, then goes to stand with CANTOR on the solea as the bell ringing and alleluias die down.*

***BAPTISM: insert after this page appendix B 1-2***

***NEW MEMBERS: Insert immediately after this page appendix M-1,2.***

## The Prayers

**BAPTISMS:** replace the following Prayers with appendix pages B 3-6

**Deacon A** settles children by lectern for the prayers,  
or helps them to find their parents.  
**Children's Preacher** returns to his/her seat.

**Deacon B** holds maniple. As soon as Alleluia is finished says – *WITHOUT DELAY* –  
We'll sing the Lord's Prayer found on page \_\_\_\_ in your  
book.

Call out your prayers after the prayer for peace, and if more  
than one person prays at the same time look up here for  
help.

Keep your place in the book because we'll finish singing  
together. Please stand and sing number \_\_\_\_\_.

**Cantor** leads congregation in singing Lord's Prayer through "and  
deliver us from evil"

**Thurible Lighter** goes to kitchen to light two charcoals for the thurible

**Deacon B** For peace in the whole world, for peace in \_\_\_\_\_ and  
for which other places shall we pray? *[pause]* and for peace  
everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

*People add their own prayers*

**Deacon C** For Marc, our Bishop, Stephen, our assistant Bishop,  
Katherine our presiding Bishop, Rowan, Archbishop of  
Canterbury, Naudal the Bishop of Curitiba and Guang-  
Shun, Peter, Thomas, Louis, Paul and David, bishops of  
China, Let us pray to the Lord.

**Deacon B** extends maniple toward those who pray aloud.

**Deacon A** *make sure that prayers include: the church / the nation and her leaders / the world's welfare /local concerns / the sick, suffering and imprisoned. A, B or C offer prayers for those that are missed.*

**Deacon A** *helps children to add their own prayers.*

**A and C** *insert prayers for the day (see front script insert)*

**Presider** *decides when to conclude open prayer by saying,*

**Presider** For peace for the dead, and comfort for mourners, let us pray to the Lord.

**Deacon B** For those we have wronged, for our enemies and all who wrong us, let us pray to the Lord.

For forgiveness, generosity and love among all people everywhere, and for the coming kingdom of peace, Let us pray to the Lord.

In fellowship with Gregory of Nyssa, with \_\_\_\_\_, with Mary, Jesus' mother, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and with all God's holy people in every time and place, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our lives through Christ to God.

**Cantor** *offers a pitch.*

**Presider** *sings Collect of the Day from red book*

**[NOTE: end with "through Jesus Christ our Lord."]**

**ALL** *sing Doxology.*

**BAPTISMS: insert immediately after this page appendix B 8-12**

## Tripudium

**Deacon C** starts speech *immediately* (see below).

**Presider** (with cross) demonstrates step, then goes to head of the LEFT-most line.

**Cantor** demonstrates step, then remains on platform to lead step, then joins the end of a line on LEFT.

**Deacon A** leads children to the kitchen to get the gifts

**Deacon B** goes to kitchen to help with gifts

**Deacon C** demonstrates step, then leads a line on LEFT

**Thurifer** goes to kitchen door to lead gifts in procession

**Deacon C** steps onto platform

We will go up to the Table in step, singing (name of hymn), found on your colored sheet.

The step is very simple; if you'll look at all of us up here, we will show you how it goes.

Starting on your right foot, go right, left, right, back;  
(demonstrate)

right, left, right, back;  
right left, right, back.

Please place your hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you.

**Cantor** When we get to the word " \_\_\_\_\_," please step off on your right foot and start the right, left, right, back pattern.

**Cantor** leads the Tripudium, cues people to move at the right time, calls for additional stanzas if needed to get everyone circling the Table.

## Transfer of the Gifts

**Deacon A** Form gift bearers into a double file and starts the line moving as soon as the music starts, keeping it in step with the rest of the congregation.

during the Tripudium:

Thurifer and gift bringers move off at the Cantor's cue

**Congregation** begins moving on Cantor's cue

**B and C** fill three chalices of wine.

## The Peace

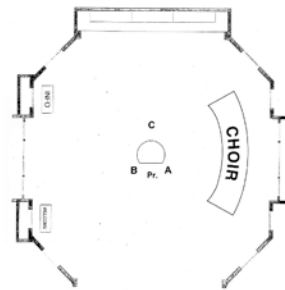
**Presider** Christ is here making peace here and now!  
The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

**People** And also with you!

**All** exchange peace.

**Children** rejoin their parents.

**Thurible-lighter** returns the thurible to the kitchen.



## Anaphora

**Assigned** stands at Presider's RIGHT, makes sure Presider has cross, Missal, correct page, etc.

**A or B** stands at Presider's LEFT; manages the Missal and points Eucharistic prayer for Presider

**Deacon C** stands out in FRONT of Table and helps where needed

**A or B & C** remove palls from chalices and patens, fold and place on table.

**Cantor**      *shaking sistrum*

Please make room for the choir over here, and open your books to number \_\_\_\_.

**All Vested**   *gesturing to the People*

♪ Draw Near! Draw near!

**ASSIGNED:** CONFIDENT SINGING VOICE

♪ Parents, take your children in hand!

Let us love one another that we may offer the Holy Sacrifice in Peace!

**People**      ♪ *A blessing of peace, a sacrifice of praise!*

## Eucharistic Prayer

**Presider**      *sings the prayer from the Eucharistic Prayer Book*

## Fraction

**Assigned**   *breaks bread,*

**A or B & C**   *fill chalices and passes four chalices to other side of Table.*

**All communion servers**   *lift patens and chalices high and turn in a circle as the Presider sings*

**Presider**      ♪ Holy gifts for holy people.

**People**      ♪ "One is holy..."

## Communion

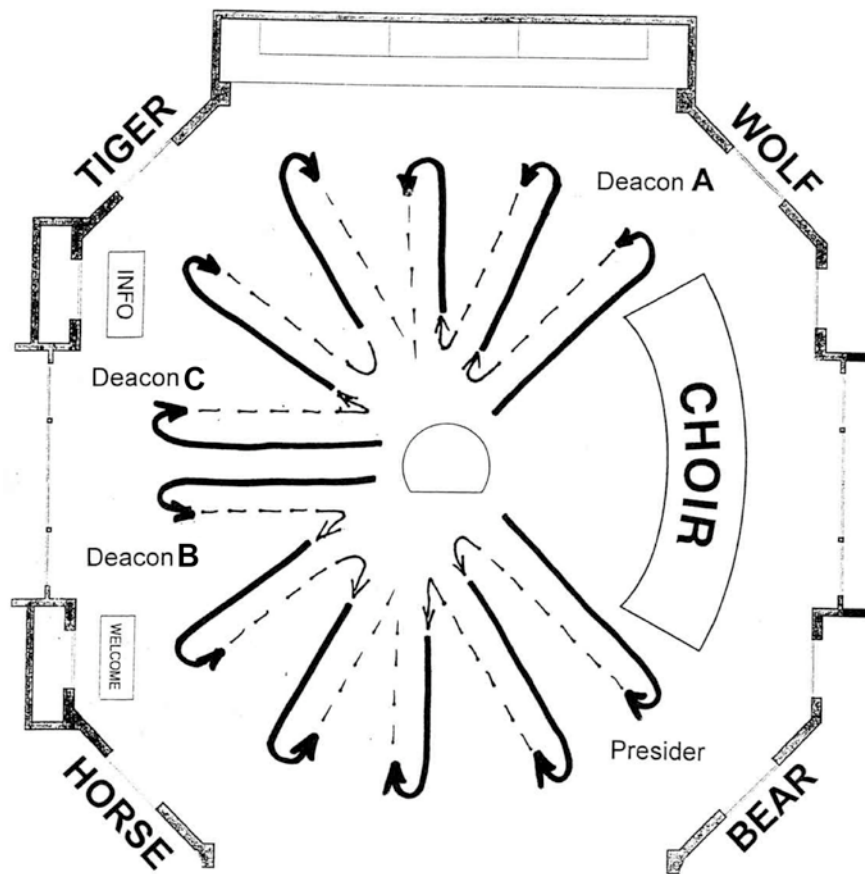
**ASSIGNED** Jesus welcomes everyone to his table and so we offer everyone, without exception, the bread and wine, which are Christ's body and blood.

(Presider's name), the Body of Christ. *(Amen)*

The Blood of Christ. *(Amen)*

**Presider**      *offers bread and cup first to Cantor and Assigned, then others at the Table*

**Communion servers:** *distribute communion according to plan below; communicate choir as soon as music is finished*



*Communion servers return all patens and chalices to table and cover with palls;  
**Deacon B** marks the proper page for Presider*

# Post-communion

## Baruch Prophecy

*Presider* Arise Jerusalem and stand on high,  
and look about toward the east  
and behold your children,  
gathered together from the rising to the setting sun  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.  
For they went out from you on foot  
led away by their enemies,  
but the Lord will bring them back to you  
riding high in honor as children of the kingdom. Blessed ✠  
be the name of the Lord,  
henceforth and for ever more.

## Wisdom Blessing

*Presider* Wisdom is brilliant, she never fades.  
By those who love her, she is easily seen,  
by those who seek her, she is readily found.  
She is a breath of God's power  
an image of God's goodness  
the eternal light and mirror of God's glory.  
Now let ✠ Wisdom do all things, renew all things,  
and pass into holy souls everywhere  
to make them friends of God. AMEN.

## Isaiah Promise

*Presider* Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters  
Come, you who have no food, come and eat  
come and buy without money, without price  
The Lord has made a covenant with you  
to love you faithfully forever.  
You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace.  
This ✠ is the promise the Lord has said it. AMEN.

*People* Amen.

## Ezekiel Prophecy

*Presider* Now come from the four winds, O breath,  
and breathe on the dead, that they may live.  
Let the dry bones come together, bone to bone.  
Let flesh and sinews cover them,  
let the breath of God come into them,  
and they will rise and stand again on their own soil,  
a living multitude: because the Lord has  
opened the graves and brought us up from the dead.  
He has breathed into us, and we will live. ✠ Blessed  
be the Name of the Lord,  
henceforth and forever more.

*People* Amen.

## Collection

**Assigned** Holds basket HIGH!

**ASSIGNED** Now bring your gifts of money for the work of the church to the table, in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

If this is your first visit, we invite you to wait. But come back and make a thanksgiving gift then.

**Cantor** leads offertory music

**ONE Offering Collector** carries an offering basket around the outside of the circle to collect from those who can't get to the table and takes the basket to the Table.

## Polychronia


**Deacon C** Is anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary? (*become a new member, just been baptized, etc.*)

Please come to the Table so we can bless you.

**Deacon C** helps gather people around Table for Polychronia,

**Deacon A** : feed back NAMES to Presider or Cantor

**Cantor** The words are very simple:  
"God grant them many years..." which we'll repeat three times:

**Presider**  To \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ may the Lord grant long life peace and protection and many years!

**People** "God Grant Them Many Years"

**Presider** blesses each person

God grant them ma - ny years! God grant them ma - ny years!

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line (treble clef) features a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "God grant them ma - ny years! God grant them ma - ny years!"

God grant them ma - - - ny years!

The second system of music continues the melody. The vocal line (treble clef) has a long note for "ma" followed by a dotted quarter note for "ny" and a quarter note for "years!". The piano accompaniment (bass clef) provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "God grant them ma - - - ny years!"

## Carol

**Deacon B** The Feasting continues!

Coffee and refreshments will appear on the Table here and over there. *(points)* and Healing Prayer takes place here *(points)*

Please sign the guest book and give us your email if you want to get announcements from the church.

**[hold up the guest book for people to see, then place it right on the altar, where it should stay throughout coffee hour]**

—And now \_\_\_\_\_ will teach us the carol found on your \_\_\_\_-colored sheet.

**Teacher:** Carols are sung dances, and we'll make it easy for you to dance the carol by surrounding you with people who've done it before.

Now place your right hand on the shoulder of the person to your right, and start walking to the right until we can all move.... *Teacher teaches step until familiar.*

**Cantor** *offers pitch, then leads the Carol.*

*When the Carol is finished:  
(LOOK TO CANTOR FOR CUE:)*

**All Vested** LET US BLESS THE LORD!

**People** *Thanks be to God!*

END.

# Clean up (all hands)

## **Hospitality**

- greet newcomers for 10 minutes, especially those with black badges

## **Candles**

- blow out all candles

## **Scripts**

- return scripts to vestry
- note any issues on Liturgical Leaders Ning Group

## **Seating area**

- collect maniples and re-hang in vestry (right hand closet)
- straighten chairs, crosses

## **Vestry**

- hang up all vestments
- make sure sermon titles are written on the form
- clean up clutter; straighten room
- record attendance in book
- Lock-up
- Deacon A is responsible for either locking the building or getting someone else to do so

# New Members

*Immediately after gospel procession:*

**Deacon A** *stepping up on solea:* We're welcoming new members today! If you'd like to become a member, talk to me after the service. We'll sing number 106 in your books, "Come sing and dance to Jesus' lead," number 106.  
New members and their sponsors: come up on the solea.

**Congregation** *sings, while new members, sponsors, and others come up to solea, facing altar*

**Deacon A** \_\_\_\_\_(name of sponsor), *briefly* introduce the person you're sponsoring. *[if more than one new member, say: starting with \_\_\_\_\_(name of a sponsor)]*

**Sponsors** *introduce new members*

**Deacon A** Reach forward now and place your hand on the shoulder of the new member, or on someone in front of you so we all can share the blessings.

**Presider** *prays:*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you

*All*             *And also with you*

*Presider*      Let us pray.

O God, Your son Jesus befriended  
everyone who received him,  
and shared with them all he had learned from you.  
Pour out the spirit of your friendship  
on the church of your beloved Gregory,  
who knew this was the one thing truly worthwhile;  
that together we may create your friendship  
in the world you love,  
until men and women everywhere  
come out of their hiding places to join you  
walking in the garden in the cool of the day.  
We ask it in Jesus' name.

*All*             *Amen!*

**ALL**             *Applause and hugs all around.*

<b>Deacon B</b> <i>announces Lord's Prayer as usual.</i>
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# Baptism

**INSERT**    *B 1-2 immediately after the Gospel Procession.*

## **Presentation and examination of candidates for baptism**

*Deacon A* Will the candidates for baptism and their sponsors come forward. Turn to page one in the baptism booklets.

*Deacon B* helps get the candidates and their sponsors on the solea.

*Each candidate is introduced separately*

### **For those candidates who ARE speaking for themselves:**

*Deacon A* Present your candidate(s) for baptism.

*Sponsors* (all sponsors say together) I present \_\_\_\_\_ for baptism.

*Presider* Do you wish to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

### **For those candidates NOT speaking for themselves:**

*Deacon A* Present your child for baptism.

*Sponsors* (all sponsors say together) I present \_\_\_\_\_ for baptism.

*Presider* The Church receives these children with joy.  
Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.  
Will you pray for them,  
draw them by your example into friendship with God  
and walk with them in the way of Christ?

*Sponsors* I will.

*Presider* In baptism these children  
begin their journey in faith.  
Will you care for them,  
and help them to take their place  
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

*Sponsors* I will.

*To the whole congregation*

*Presider* Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism Jesus is calling us all  
to follow in his way of loving service.  
People of God, will you welcome  
these *children* / **candidates** (this *child* / **candidate**)  
and uphold them (him / her) in their (his / her)  
life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*Presider* In baptism, God calls us into his marvelous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new  
life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you embrace Christ's love?

*People* I embrace Christ's love.

*Presider* Do you accept God's forgiveness?

*People* I accept God's forgiveness.

*Presider* Do you turn away from evil?

*People* I turn away from evil.

*Presider* Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and forgive others as you are forgiven?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and action the good news of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over the world, by praying for leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

*People* Amen.

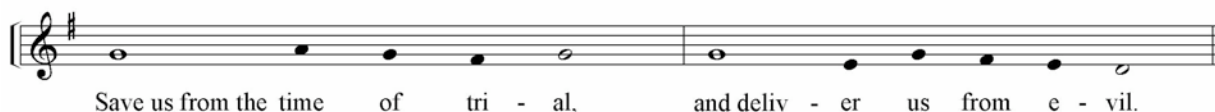
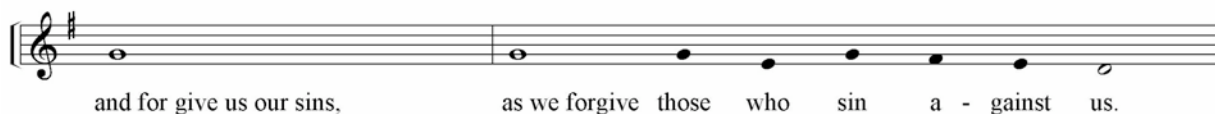
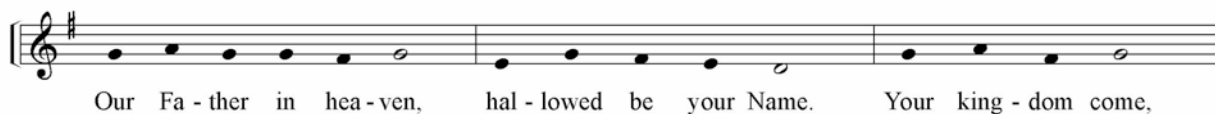
***INSERT: replace the regular Prayers with B 4-6***

## The Prayers at a Baptism

**Deacon A** settles children for the prayers, or helps them to find their parents.  
**Children's Preacher** returns to his/her seat.

**Deacon B** steps immediately onto solea, with maniple  
We'll sing the Lord's Prayer found on page 4 in your baptism booklet. After we pray for peace, please add your own prayers and thanksgivings. Listen to each other and look to me for help if more than one person prays at the same time. Keep your place in the book so that we may finish singing together. Please stand and sing page 4.

**Cantor** leads congregation in singing Lord's Prayer through "and deliver us from evil"



**Deacon B** For all God's friends, that we may shine with truth and love so that people everywhere may know God and be drawn to friendship with God, let us pray to the Lord.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

**Deacon A** For \_\_\_\_\_, whom we baptize today, that they (he/she) may continually grow in love and friendship with God, growing brighter and brighter as they (he/she) turn(s) into the image that they(he/she) reflect(s), let us pray to the Lord.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

**Deacon C** For Marc, our Bishop, Steven our Assistant Bishop, Katherine our Presiding Bishop, Naudal the Bishop of Curitiba, Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Guang-Shun, Peter, Thomas, Louis, Paul and David, bishops of China, Let us pray to the Lord.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

**Deacon B** For peace in the whole world, for peace in \_\_\_\_\_, and for peace everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

*All Lord, have mercy.*

*Here the congregation adds their own prayers*

*Member For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.*

*All Lord, have mercy.*

*Member In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_, let us bless the Lord.*

*All Thanks be to God!*

**Presider** For salvation and peace for the dead,  
and comfort for mourners, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Deacon B** That God will raise us with Christ out of the death of sin,  
and fill our whole lives with the joy of the resurrection, let  
us pray to the Lord.

**All** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Deacon B** That Christ will bring us to share in his wedding feast,  
where with Mary, his mother, with Gregory of Nyssa, and  
all his saints, we may enjoy his love without end, let us pray  
to the Lord.

**All** *Lord, have mercy.*

**Presider** God of mercy and love,  
new birth by water and the spirit is a gift,  
a gift none can take away;  
grant that your servant(s) may grow  
into the fullness of Christ.  
Fill *them* with the joy of your presence.  
Increase in *them* the fruit of your Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness,  
the spirit of wonder and true holiness.  
We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ...



For the kingdom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

***INSERT: B 8-12 immediately after the prayers***

## Tripudium to the Font

**Deacon C** starts speech *immediately* (see below).

**Presider** (with cross) demonstrates step, then goes to head of the LEFT-most line.

**Cantor** demonstrates step, then remains on platform to lead step, then joins the end of a line on LEFT.

**Deacon B** Goes to the lectern, meet the children there, helps A form children in a line. Help keep them in step with the rest of the congregation and going to the font.

during the Tripudium:

Thurifer and Children move off at once

**Congregation** begins moving on Cantor's cue

**Deacon C** demonstrates step, then leads a line on LEFT

**Deacon C** steps onto platform

We will go to the font in step, singing (*name of hymn*), found on your colored sheet. Make sure and bring your baptism booklet.

The step is very simple; if you'll look at all of us up here, we will show you how it goes.

Starting on your right foot, go right, left, right, back;

(*demonstrate*)

right, left, right, back;

right left, right, back.

Please place your hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you.

\_\_\_\_\_ (*Cantor*), will tell us when to step off.

**Cantor** When we get to the word " \_\_\_\_\_," please step off on your right foot and start the right, left, right, back pattern.

**Cantor** *leads the Tripudium, cues people to move at the right time, calls for additional stanzas if needed to get everyone to the Font.*

## Thanksgiving over water

**Children** *assemble close to the font, but not blocking the path.*

**Deacon A** *helps with children and takes the cross, C holds baptism kit, B hold book for presider to sing from, assisting presbyters gather around the font.*


**Cantor** *gives tone and starts drone*


**Presider**  The Lord be with you.


**People** *And also with you.*

**Presider** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

**Presider**  We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it your Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

**People**  AMEN! Come Holy Spirit.

**Presider**  We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People*     ♪ AMEN! Come Holy Spirit.

*Presider*     ♪ Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

*People*     ♪ AMEN!

### **The Baptism & Chrismation**

*Presider*     \_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People*     AMEN!

*Presider*     \_\_\_\_\_, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

*People*     AMEN!

*Presider*     Heavenly Father, we thank you  
that by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have bestowed upon *these your servant(s)*  
the forgiveness of sin,  
and have raised *them* to the new life of grace.  
Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart,  
the courage to will and to persevere,  
a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*People*     AMEN!

## The Covenant of Baptism

*Presider*     ♪ Let us join those who have committed themselves to Christ in the Covenant of Baptism.  
Do you place your heart and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

*People*        ♪ I place my heart in God.

*Presider*     ♪ Do you place your heart and trust in God the Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary?  
Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and descended to the dead?  
Who on the third day rose from death; ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

*People*        ♪ I place my heart in God.

*Presider*     ♪ Do you place your heart and trust in God the Holy Spirit, making the Church holy in every place and gathering the communion of saints?  
In the forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

*People*        ♪ I place my heart in God.

*Presider*     ♪ This is the faith of the Church.

*All*        ♪ We place our heart and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Presider*    lights the Baptism candle

*Presider*    Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All*        We welcome you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.

*Deacon A*    We'll return to the church singing *As many as have been baptized*, page 7 in the Baptism booklet. Please keep moving counter-clockwise around the table until everyone has gathered.

Three times

As man-y as have been bap-tized in - to Christ have put, have put on Christ. Al-le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The instruction 'Three times' is written above the first few notes of the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'As man-y as have been bap-tized in - to Christ have put, have put on Christ. Al-le - lu - ia.'

*Presider, Baptized, Sponsors* lead Congregation back to Altar-Table

*B and C*        go to the kitchen to get the bread and wine

*Cantor*        leads "As Many as Have Been Baptized"

### Transfer of the Gifts

*B and C*        get gifts from the kitchen, carry them to the table and place them on the table, (wine on left side, bread on right); fill first chalice 1/4 full of wine.