

# 8:30 HOLY EUCHARIST

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church

San Francisco, California

(Revised 9/9/09)

## Concerning the Service

- ✦ The Liturgy is designed to be conducted with one deacon, one cantor 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 an ordained deacon is not available to function liturgically his or her 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 newcomers, old-timers, children and adults to all participate fully.
- ✦ Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, act like you mean it!

# Pre-Liturgy Setup

## Rotunda (lights off)

- Icon on wooden stand
- Lit candle on tall candlestand
- 9 chairs set just inside wooden floor perimeter

## Welcome Table

- Guestbook
- "Button Requests" clipboard
- Name tags
- Markers & pens
- Collection basket
- Candle on the table, lit
- flagon with 1/3 to 1/2 bottle wine in it, covered with the pall
- 1 paten with 1 or 2 loaves of bread, covered with the pall

## Altar Table

- vested with cloth
- 2 or 4 chalices (if more than 50 people, use 4 goblets)
- 1 or 2 patens (if more than 50 people, use 2 patens)
- Altar lamps filled and lit
- processional cross stand (with hole sized to fit cross) below right edge of Table

## Seating Area (lights on)

- 8:30 Music books and announcement sheets at people's seats
- Menorah and oil lamp, lit
- Standing thurible with lit charcoal and incense bowl on the stand in front of the large lectern.

## Presider's Chair

- Processional cross stand
- Kleenex
- Pen
- Script
- Glass of water
- Red Lord's Prayer collect book
- 3 smaller pot bells in a row and striker on edge of platform to Cantor's left
- Largest bell on floor to right of Cantor's chair
- Tuning fork at Cantor's chair
- Hand bells at Cantor's chair
- Gospel Book

**NOTE:** *An unvested person is outside the front door from 8:15 AM until the liturgy is underway.*

**8:15**

**Deacons** *need to be finished with their tasks*

**8:25**

**Presider** *and deacon stand by icon, quietly greeting people as they come in and inviting them to take a seat. Cantor goes to his/her seat.*

# Opening Rites

**8:25**

**Deacon** *adds incense to the standing thurible*

**Cantor** *begins singing, improvising the Psalm of the day.*

## Greeting

**8:30**

**Cantor** *stops singing, and rings ALL bells, then*


<b>Cantor</b> Please stand.
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**Vested Party** *walk in.*

**Presider** *holding Cross*

**Deacon** *holding Candle*

**Presider** *briskly leads procession to seats. Begins "Blessed be God..." when crossing into the seating area.*

**Presider**  Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**All:**  *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, Amen.*

**Presider** *moves to **Presider's** chair, puts cross in stand, and stands facing congregation.*


<b>Deacon</b> <i>places Candle on stand, then goes to seat at Presider's left.</i>
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## Opening Prayer

*Cantor offers Presider a pitch*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you!

*People:*      *And also with you!*

*Presider*      Let us pray!  
O God whose light  
divides the day from  
the night and turns the  
shadow of death into morning,  
open our lips to sing your praise  
and our hearts to receive your word  
that we may come before you  
in truth and sincerity of heart;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:*      *AMEN.*

<i>Deacon</i> Please take your seats.
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## Liturgy of the Word

*Cantor*     We'll sing the morning hymn together at number \_\_\_ in your booklets, \_\_\_\_\_, at number \_\_\_. The tune is simple and sounds like this...

*Cantor*     *leads the congregation in the morning hymn. Repeat the song for 1.5 - 2 minutes.*

*Preacher*     Share a word or phrase that you bring with you today.

*People*     *share freely.*

**Cantor** rings pot bells. Observes **TWO** minute of silence and rings hand-bells.

## Sermon

**Preacher** remains seated, announces and speaks or sings the reading.

**Preacher** gives **FIVE** minute sermon. Indicates to Cantor when complete.

**Cantor** rings pot bells; observes **TWO** minutes of silence and rings hand-bells

**Preacher** Share a word or phrase that you've heard this morning.

**People** share freely.

**Preacher** Amen.

**ASSEMBLY: BAPTISM LITURGY: insert after this page  
appendix B 1 – B 3.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Deacon**     *Stands in place and says:*

**Deacon**     We'll sing the Lord's Prayer at Number \_\_\_\_ in your books.  
Number \_\_\_\_ .

**Cantor**     *leads the Lord's Prayer,*

**Presider**     *After "deliver us from evil," prays the Collect from  
red collect book, ending at "through Jesus Christ our  
Lord"*

**People**     *finish prayer by singing Doxology*

**NEW MEMBERS:** *Insert after this page the New Members  
welcome from appendix M-1 and M-2*

**ASSEMBLY: BAPTISM LITURGY:** *insert after this page  
appendix B 4 - 9.*

## Procession to the Table

<i>Deacon</i>	We'll go up to the table together, singing _____ at number ____.
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*Cantor* leads the music, letting people know when to begin moving to the altar.

*Presider* leads procession at the point the cantor gives.

*Recruit* gets bread and wine from the side table, circles the altar and places the gifts on the altar.

## Peace

*Presider* Christ has come, bringing us peace here and now. Turn to those near you and share it.

The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

*All* And also with you!

*All* exchange the Peace freely.

# Eucharist

*As the Peace is calming down:*

**Deacon** stands at **Presider's** left, pointing book as needed

**Cantor** 🎵 We'll sing from number \_\_\_\_ in your books, please turn to number \_\_\_\_.

**Deacon** Gesturing for people to come closer 🎵 Draw near! Draw near!  
**Strong singing voice** 🎵 Parents, take your children in hand...

Presider:



*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

All:

Presider:

All:




And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.


Presider:


All:



*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

**Presider**      Creator of the universe,  
you speak in the darkness, bringing song out of silence,  
dance out of stillness, life out of death.  
Your life fills us now and gives us the power  
to praise you and to bless you.

**All**              *We praise you, we bless you....*


**Presider**      Sustainer of the covenant,  
You send hungry women, outcast men, the poor and impure.  
You choose what is despised to make us whole.  
A homeless girl bears Jesus, your blessing,  
who turns the whole world upside down.  
He smashes the temple, laughs at the powerful  
kisses sinners and heals the unclean.  
He breaks open the prisons, frees slaves and captives,  
feasts with the starving and breaks bread with strangers;  
Loving each body as God's own,  
he teaches us to walk in the way of compassion.


<p><b>Deacon:</b>     Pray for the hungry and sick and afraid.</p>
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*free prayers from People*

<p><b>Deacon:</b>     Pray for prisoners and those without homes.</p>
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*free prayers from People*

**Presider**      Beholding your holiness in all our human lives  
we praise you and we bless you:

**All**              *We praise you, we bless you....*

**Presider:**  Forgiving Father, you make a feast for us in the midst of our shame; you cover us with your garment of love. Running past our violence and terror, you bring us home and give us new life.

On the night before his friends betrayed him  
and enemies took him away to be killed,  
Jesus shared supper with them all. He blessed bread, broke it,  
gave it to them and said, "This bread is my body, making  
covenant with you and all humankind. Whenever you eat it,  
remember me." Then he blessed the wine and said, "This is  
the cup of life, my blood poured out for all, making covenant  
with you and all humankind. Whenever you drink it,  
remember me."


Now whenever we eat this bread and wine, Jesus rises in us  
and makes us one body.

**Deacon:** Pray for enemies and for friends

*(free prayers from people)*


**Deacon:** Pray for the violent and for those who suffer at others' hands.

*(free prayers from people)*

**Presider:**  Seeing that our divisions are ended we praise and bless  
you

**All:**  We praise you, we bless you....

**BAPTISM PRAYERS: insert after this page the two additional  
Deacons' prayers from appendix B 3-4**


**Presider:**      Life-giving Mother,  
you raised Jesus in glory from the tomb.  
Now show us his body alive in your children.  
Open our hearts to your Spirit enlivening us.  
Heal us, inspire us and give us your power  
so we may live as Jesus lives and love as Jesus loves.

**Deacon:**     Pray for the dead and for mourners

*(prayers from people)*

**Deacon:**     Give thanks for God's work wherever you see it

*(free prayers from people)*

**Presider:**      We pray that all our lives  
may find in your embrace  
communion with Mary, Jesus' mother,  
with Gregory of Nyssa,  
with friends and strangers,  
the hurt and the hurting,  
and with all your holy people  
in every time and place  
as we join in the angels' song,

Presider: "...and all the company of heaven, we sing the triumphal song—"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -



san - na in the high - est!

## Servant of God

**Cantor** leads congregation in singing "Servant of God"

**Presider** breaks bread

**Deacon** pours wine into chalices



Serv-ant of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Serv-ant of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Serv-ant of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.



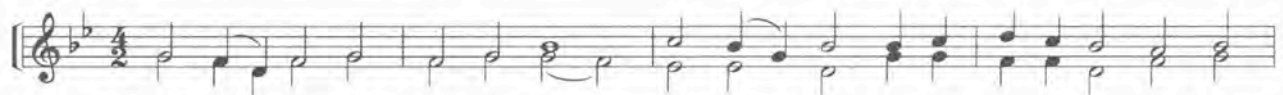
Serv-ant of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

**Deacon and Presider** raise paten and chalices high, turning clockwise

### Presider



*Ho-ly things for ho - ly peo-ple!*



One is Ho - ly, One is Lord: Je - sus Christ, to the Glo-ry of God our



Mo-ther-ing Fath - er. A - men.

**Deacon** 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)*

**Deacon** *communicates presider*

**Presider** *communicates Cantor, Deacon*

**Cantor** *sings communion song or chant; people may join in singing.*

**Deacon and Presider** *communicate congregation*

**Presider and Deacon** *start at crosses and move right;*

**Deacon** *arrange chalices and paten neatly after communion, then cover with palls*

## Post Communion Prayer

**Presider** *uses a line from the days scripture and prays; may either be written before or improvised.*

**Presider** Let us Pray.

We give thanks to you...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** *Amen.*

## Collection

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

**If there are new people add:**

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

**Cantor**     *Leads as an Alleluia.*

## Blessing

*As soon as alleluia is finished,*

**Deacon**     Draw near as we bless one another. We'll bless by making the sign of the cross on each others hands like this (*demonstrates on the hands of the presider*). If anyone is celebrating a birthday or anniversary come stand here as we sing...

**Deacon**     *gathers people around Table for blessing.*

**Presider**   *gives blessings to birthday/anniversary people.*

**Cantor**     *leads "Bless us Jesus" (Thuma Mina) and sings it three times. If there is someone for a blessing sings "Bless them Jesus" the first time and "Bless us..." the last two times.*

**Deacon:** Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*All*             *Thanks be to God!*

## Announcements

**Deacon**     (makes announcements as required, always adding) Healing prayer takes place over there. Coffee and refreshments are on their way!

**10:30 Teacher**

Today's class is \_\_\_\_\_ and begins at 9:30 over there.

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# New Members

**INSERT: M-1 and 2 immediately after Sermon**

*Immediately after sermon:*

**Deacon** *stepping up on solea:* We'll sing number 106 in your books, "Come sing and dance to Jesus' lead," number 106. We're welcoming new members today! Will the new members and their sponsors please come up on the solea.

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

**Deacon** Please hold your applause until after the prayer. Sponsor(s), please *briefly* introduce the person you're sponsoring. *[if more than one new member, say: starting with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of a sponsor)]*

*After last intro:*

*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!*

*Applause and hugs all around.*

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

**INSERT: B 1 - 3 immediately before the LORD'S PRAYER**

**Deacon** Please take out your Baptism booklet. Would the people being baptized and their godparents or sponsors please come to the altar.

**Deacon** *guides Baptisand throughout liturgy, pointing to responses in book, moving Baptisand into position, etc.*

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

**Deacon** 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** 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* and uphold them in their  
life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*Presider* In baptism, God calls us into his marvellous 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: B 4 immediately after the LORD'S PRAYER**

## **Baptism Collect after the Lord's Prayer**

*After "deliver us from evil,"*

*Presider*      "God of mercy and love,  
new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift,  
a gift none can take away;  
grant that your *Servant(s)* may grow  
into the fullness of the stature 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,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord."

*Cantor leads the doxology.*

*Deacon*     We'll go to the font together, singing \_\_\_\_\_ from your  
booklets. Keep singing until we are all gathered together at  
the font. Candidates for baptism and their sponsors should go  
right up to the front.

## Procession to Font

**Cantor**    *leads music*

**Deacon**    *guides Baptismal party.*

**Presider** *stands up on the rock by the Font*

**Deacon**    *stands behind Presider on Columbarium side of Font.*

### **PLANNING NOTE:**

***We want as many voices as possible:***

***If there are additional presbyters present, the presider does the water, other presbyter does the chrism, a 3rd presbyter may lead the creed or offer a special blessing.***

***If several people are being baptized, all water is done first, then they are lined up at base of Font to be chrismated, then given their candles.***

## Thanksgiving over water

*Deacon* holds cross

*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 for ever.

**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**      We'll return to the church singing *As Many*, page 7 in the  
Baptism booklet. Please keep moving counter-clockwise  
around the table until everyone has gathered.



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

**Deacon**    *get the bread and wine*

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

*The liturgy continues with the Peace.*

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