

MORNING PRAYER

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church
San Francisco, California

Morning Prayer

Order of Service

ring bell 8 times

go to candle stand, light incense and candle, sing opening lines

return to prayer area; announce/sing opening music (#s 1 – 3)

—sit

lead Psalms (pink sheets at back of book)

—silence (marked by bells)

ask all to stand and sing canticle (#s 4 – 8)

ask all to sit and Reader to sing Gospel

ask all to share a word/phrase from Gospel/psalms/songs

—silence (marked by bells)

ask all to stand and sing Lord's Prayer (#9)

lead all to font, singing (#s 10 – 14)

lead final prayer at font


exchange Peace


Opening Rites

Congregant rings church bell eight times;

People stand.

Officiant goes to candle/book stand, lights incense and candle, and sings:

Officiant  Send out your light and your truth, that they may guide us and lead us to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

People  Open our lips, O Lord, that our mouth might sing your praise

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.*

Officiant returns to prayer area,

Psalms and Readings

Officiant We'll sing _____ [*Come, Heavenly Comforter, MFL 20; Holy God, MFL 2; Sh'ma, MFL 31*].

gives tone and leads music

—*after the music:*

Officiant *asks People to sit.
leads Psalms
rings large bells;
ends 2-3 minute silence with handbells.*

Officiant We'll sing the canticle [*Arise, Shine, MFL36; Pour Down You Heavens, MFL 37; God Creates Life, MFL 77; The Strain Upraise of Joy MFL 65*].

Stand to sing _____. *gives tone and leads music.*

—*after the music:*

Officiant *asks someone to sing the Gospel; asks People to sit.*

Reader *goes to candle/book stand and chants Gospel*

Officiant Please share a word or a phrase from the Gospel, or from the songs.

People *share a word or a phrase.*

Officiant *rings large bells for 4-5 minutes silence; ends with handbells.*

Officiant We'll sing the Lord's Prayer together, at number _____ [*MFL 108 or Morning Prayer plainchant version with sung responses, and responses printed on page.*].

Please add your own prayers and petitions when we come to the center of the prayer. (Stand to sing number _____).

Officiant *gives tone and leads music. [NOTE: another prayer leader can lead the prayers]*

Prayers


Prayer Leader: For peace in the whole world, for peace in ____, and for which other places shall we pray?


People [add places] *Lord have mercy*

Free prayers


Pr. Leader For salvation and peace for the dead, and comfort for those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord


People *Lord have mercy*


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

People  *Lord have mercy*

Pr. Leader (*singing*) For forgiveness, generosity and love among all people everywhere, and for the coming of God's kingdom of peace, let us pray to the Lord

People  *Lord have mercy*

Pr. Leader  In fellowship with [Gregory of Nyssa] with Mary, Christ's 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

People  *To you O Lord our God*


Officiant  [*Chooses collect from BCP morning prayer collects*]

All *finish singing together.*

Procession to Font

Officiant We'll walk out to the font together [over across the room to the altar together; outside together] following the cross and singing [Come thou Fount, MFL 13; She Comes, MFL 16, or hymns such as Not here for High and Holy Things; Love Divine; Brightest and Best, etc.]

Officiant *leads people to destination, with or without a simple tripudium step. When singing is finished,*

Officiant  Almighty God,
you have given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplication to you
and you have promised through your well-beloved son
that whenever two or three are gathered in his name
you will be in the midst of them
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us
granting us in this world the knowledge of your truth
and in the age to come life everlasting

—*or*—

Almighty God, you have brought us through the night
and led us to your living water;
now mark us as your own
as we take your love into the world;
there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free,
male or female anymore.
Make us all one in Jesus Christ

People  AMEN

Officiant Let us bless the Lord!

People *Thanks be to God!*

All *bless one another [with water, if at font] and offer one
another the sign of peace.*

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