

10 pm Christmas Eve  
Concert & Eucharist 2012

St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church  
San Francisco, California  
(Revised 12/18/12)

## SET-UP

### **Entry**

Madonna & child and Sophia icon on stand  
Standing candlestick with candle lit

### **Table**

Light altar lamps  
Tablecloth (bright)  
3 patens and 8 chalices (*Decide **early** whether to do communion by quadrants or thirds—if thirds just 2 patens & 6 chalices*)  
2 palls placed on either side of altar table.  
Sistrum

### **Vestry**

Deacon's candle  
Gospel Book  
Presider's cross  
Drum outside vestry door

### **Table under Scroll**

Decanters filled with 2 bottles wine  
Paten with 5 loaves  
Incense boat

### **Seating Area**

Reserve seats for Leaders  
Reserve seats for 2 Readers

### **Presider's Chair**

Cough drops  
Glass of water

**Recruitment:** *(These should be recruited early!)*

4 Chalice bearers and one extra paten bearer if doing quadrants; or else divide room in thirds and recruit 3 chalice bearers

One thurible prep person

2 umbrella carriers

Announcement person

One helper for collection to pass the basket around rotunda

Four chandelier lowerers (either ushers, recruits, or a combination – this happens before the concert!)

Four volunteers to light chandeliers ahead of time and to light menorah and oil lamp during incense hymn

**Greeters/Ushers**

Find 10:00 PM concert program on the top shelf in welcome closet, and Christmas Eve music books on welcome table.

As people walk in, greet them, hand out Christmas Eve music booklet and 10:00 PM concert program, and ask them to be seated.

ONLY AS NEEDED (not usually needed for this service, just set out 10 at a time if all seats are full) set folding chairs on the wood floor in straight rows facing the Presider's chair. Front legs of the first row should touch the seam between the concrete and wood floors. Leave a 6-foot wide center aisle, and pay attention to sightlines and access. Rows should be 2 feet apart. (Recruit helpers to stack folding chairs onto dollies and roll them into closets if needed at the start of the Tripudium announcement.

**After the liturgy**

Collect Christmas Eve Music Booklets in marked storage box by doors and leave on welcome table. Collect 10:00 Concert Programs and put in paper recycling boxes in welcome closet.

**9:30** onward...

*Ushers seat people in the seating area for the concert*

**9:45**

*Recruits lower and light Chandeliers*

**10:00**

*Choir Concert*

**10:30**

**Vested Party Entrance**

*Cantor is at seat*

*Presider, Leader A, Leader B enter rotunda at the conclusion of the concert. A carries candle, B carries book.*

*Leader B rings gong*

**Cantor**

Please stand.

*Choir sings Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

*Vested party walks to places*

*Leader B gives book to Presider*

**Presider**

*blessing people with book*

♪ Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People**

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

**Blessing and Incense Hymn**

**Leader A**

Please sing "Angels we have heard on high" found at number 6 in your books, number 6.

*during singing:*

**Presider** hands book back to **B**

**Leader A** carries candle to lectern, adds incense to the thurible, pauses at the lectern to light the candle-lighters' wick,

**Leader B** carries Book to lectern, gets Reader 1, then stands to the right (street side) of the lectern.

**Volunteers** light menorah and oil lamp from Leader's **A**'s candle.

## **Presider**

‣The Lord be with you.

## **People**

‣And also with you.

## ‣**Presider**

Let us pray. O God, you cause this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **First Reading**

### **Leader B**

Please take your seats, and listen to a reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Immediately following the reading:*

**Cantor** rings pot bells.

**Leader A** carries candle back to candle stand, sits

**Leader B** goes back to seat

**Reader** goes back to seat

**Cantor** observes TWO minutes of silence, then rings handbells.

## **Canticle**

### **Leader A**

We'll sing number 2 in your booklets, "Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming". Please stand and sing number 2.

*Midway through the canticle:*

**Leader A** (with the candle) and **Leader B** bring reader 2 to lectern;

**Leader B** stands on the reader's right

**Leader A** stands on the reader's left

## **Gospel Reading**

**Leader B** signs cross on Book, then crosses forehead, lips and heart

♪ The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

## **People**

♪ Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Reader** reads or sings the Gospel

*After the reading*

**Reader** sits down

**Leader B** carries book back to presider

**Leader A** walks ahead of B carrying the candle

## **Leader A**

♪ The Gospel of the Lord!

## **People**

♪ Praise to you, Lord Christ!

**Leader A** puts candle on stand

**Leader B** hands book to **Presider**

*All sit*

**Cantor** observes TWO minutes of silence, then rings handbells.

## Sermon

*Presider preaches*

*Cantor rings pot-bells at end of sermon; observes TWO minutes silence, then rings hand-bells.*

***\*\*No sharing\*\****

## Gospel Procession

### Leader A

We'll sing an Alleluia which (cantor) will teach us. As we sing, we'll be bringing the Gospel book around for you to greet with a touch, a kiss, or a bow. Please stand!

### Cantor

The Alleluia goes like this...

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

*All process around church: **Leader B** carrying candle, **Presider** carrying Book, then **Leader A** and any umbrellas.*

***Leader A** rings the tower bell at end*

## The Prayers

*Cantor and Cantor 2 stand at opposite ends of solea*

### Leader B

We'll sing The Lord's Prayer found at number 15 in your book.

*[IF THERE ARE FOLDING CHAIRS SET UP:]*

Those of you in the folding chairs, please come in to the seating area here, and the ushers will put away your chairs.

***Fire person** goes to kitchen and gets the swinging thurible ready*

***IF NEEDED: Leader A** helps herd people into the seating area;*

***Ushers** stack chairs onto dollies & quickly roll chairs into the closet*

**Cantor**

♪For peace in the whole world; for peace in Bethlehem and Syria, Let us pray to the Lord.

**People**

♪Lord have mercy

**Cantor 2**

♪For Marc our Bishop; Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Rowan, archbishop of Canterbury; for Peter, Thomas, Louis and David, bishops of China, and for all spiritual leaders and guides of every faith, Let us pray to the Lord.

**People**

♪Lord have mercy

**Cantor**

♪For all who come to celebrate Christ's birth this holy night, and for their families and fellow-workers. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People**

♪Lord have mercy

**Cantor 2**

For all who suffer, and for those who offer care and support, Let us pray to the Lord.

**People**

♪Lord have mercy

**Cantor**

♪For the homeless, refugees, prisoners and all in danger, that they may be comforted and protected, Let us pray to the Lord.



**People**

♪ Lord have mercy

**Cantor 2**

♪ In fellowship with Mary, Christ's Mother, with Gregory of Nyssa, and with all God's holy people in every time and place, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life through Christ to God.

**People**

♪ To you O Lord our God

**Presider**

♪ Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate word: grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People**

♪ *For the kingdom, the power...*

## **Tripudium**

### **Leader A**

We'll go up to the table in step, singing "O come, all ye faithful" found at number 1 in your books, number 1.

The step is very simple, if you look this way, we'll show you how it goes. Starting on your right foot,

go right – left – right – BACK,

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right – left – right – BACK,

Please place your right hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you, and (cantor) will tell us when to step off.

*Cantor leads the Tripudium*

*Choir helps lead lines*

*Fire person brings thurible to table by scroll,*

*A and B and Presider go to table by scroll to get gifts and thurbile, and join congregation as they enter rotunda.*

## **Peace**

*As soon as the tripudium is ended:*

### **Presider**

Christ is born to give us the gift of his peace – share that gift with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all!

## **People**

And also with you.

*All share the Peace; chalice-bearers come close to Table*

## **Cantor**

Please open your books to number 25. We'll sing through numbers 25-29.

## **Eucharist**

### **Leaders**

♪ Draw near, draw near...

### **Leader A**

♪ Let us love one another that we may offer the holy sacrifice in peace.

*Presider sings the Christmas Anaphora*

## **Communion**

### **Leader A**

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 communicates Cantor, then A, B and chalice-bearers  
Communion is distributed by quadrants or thirds*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

### **Presider**

Go with us, O Lord,  
as we journey to the heavenly country:  
that following your star we may not wander  
in the darkness of this world's night  
while you who are the true and living way  
shine with us to the journey's end.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
henceforth and forever more. Amen

## **Collection**

### **Leader A**

Now seeing how greatly God loves us, let us share freely of  
the gifts we have received. Bring your gifts of money for the  
work of the church straight to the table.

*Choir sings collection anthem*

*One recruit carries basket around rotunda*

**\*\*Note - No Polychronia\*\***

## **Announcements**

### **Leader B**

There are no services tomorrow, Christmas Day. Come back  
for services this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:45. If you'd like to  
receive information about St. Gregory's, please sign our  
guestbook and leave your email address.

## **Carol**

### **Cantor**

We'll sing and dance the carol "Hark! The herald angels sing" found at number 7 in your books, number 7.

Look this way and I'll teach you the steps.

*Teaches carol*

### **Dismissal**

#### **All Vested**

Let us bless the Lord!

#### **People**

Thanks be to God!

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