

8:30 Holy Eucharist
St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church
San Francisco, California

Concerning the Service

The liturgy is designed to be led by one vested leader (Leader 1) and one unvested leader (Leader 2), one cantor, and one presider; if the presider doesn't preach, there can also be a separate preacher.

The script divides lines and tasks, but 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. Know what is going on!

The core value of the liturgy is glorifying the stranger through clear, direct, warm invitation: leaders are expected to give work away, and involve newcomers, old-timers, children and adults to participate fully.

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, act like you mean it!

Pre-Liturgy Setup

Rotunda

- 2-3 chairs set just inside wooden floor perimeter.
- On table under scroll, flagon with 1/2 bottle wine in it, with the stopper inserted; paten with 1 loaf of bread, covered with the pall.

Welcome Table

- Guestbook with pen
- “Button Requests” clipboard
- Name tags; red & black sharpies
- Leader’s candle on table, lit.
- Extra Daybreak Psalm sheets
- 5 extra stuffed music books

Altar Table

- Vested with cloth
- 4 chalices on left side
- 2 patens on right side
- Missal with Eucharistic prayer and post-communion prayer marked
- Altar lamps filled and lit (with clear lamp oil.)
- Processional cross stand below right edge of table.

Seating

- Daybreak Psalm sheets on front rows of seats
- About 60 music books stuffed with announcement and hymn sheets at people’s seats; put extras at end of rows for latecomers
- Menorah and oil lamp (with yellow sesame oil).
- Standing thurible with one lit charcoal and incense bowl on the stand by the lectern.

Recruit

- A reader for the Daybreak reading.
- Presider or Leader recruit a reader for the Eucharist: reader sits near the lectern. Try to select someone who is the opposite gender of the preacher. Let the reader know to read text only — no citation or conclusion.
- Two chalice bearers.

Presider's Chair

- Processional cross stand
- Script open to opening prayer
- Glass of water.
- Red collect book.

Cantor's Chair

- 3 smaller pot bells in a row and striker to Cantor's left; largest bell on floor to right; tuning fork; handbells
- Recorder out and turned on.

Entrance Psalm And Alleluia

Officiant/Cantor

Now _____ (cantor) will sing Psalm _____ and we'll sing an alleluia refrain.

Cantor enters and teaches an alleluia by ear.

People sing the alleluia as a refrain to the psalm of the day.

As the psalm is ending, an assistant rings the tower bell.

*As the tower bell is ringing, the **presider and liturgical leader** enter and go to their seats.*

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Presider enters with the cross.

Leader enters with the candle and Gospel Book.

Leader leaves the candle by the lectern.

*When the **presider** gets to his/her chair:*

Presider

Christ is risen!

People

He is risen indeed!

Presider puts cross in its stand then stands at the presider's chair.

Cantor

Welcome to St. Gregory's! We'll be singing throughout the service, so keep your music books with you throughout the service. The opening greeting and gospel responses are printed on your ____ colored insert. Right now we'll sing the *Holy God* at Number ____ in your music books, Number ____.
We'll sing it three times through.

Holy God & Candle Lighting

Cantor leads everyone in singing the Holy God.

*While singing Holy God, the **unvested leader** and a **recruit** light the candles.*

Opening Prayer

***Use Erasmus prayer (below) except during Advent;
(O Antiphons are used) and Easter (Easter Collect is used).***

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,
Ever more 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.

People

♪ AMEN.

Leader hands the Gospel Book to the presider.

Blessing and Incense Hymn (Gloria)

Leader

The blessing and incense hymn is found at number ____ in
your music book _____ (*name of hymn*) Number ____.

Cantor gives presider a pitch.

Presider makes sign of the cross over congregation with Gospel Book.

Presider

♪ Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

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

Cantor leads people in the blessing and incense hymn.

Presider hands Gospel Book back to leader.

Leader carries Gospel Book to lectern, places the Gospel Book on the stand and opens it to the Gospel.

Leader takes candle and gets the reader and brings him/her to the lectern.

Gospel or Reading

Leader makes sign of the cross on the Gospel Book, then crosses forehead, lips and heart while singing...

If the reading is not the Gospel, simply announce it: "A reading from _____."

♪ The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____

People

♪ Glory to you, Lord Christ

Reader reads or chants the Gospel or reading.

Immediately after the reading, reader goes to seat.

Leader takes Gospel Book to the preacher, singing...

Leader 1

♪ The Gospel of the Lord!

People

♪ Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Cantor rings pot bells; presses RECORD button on the recorder TWICE.

Cantor times two minutes of silence, then rings hand bells.

Sermon

Preacher gives SEVEN minute sermon; indicates to cantor when complete.

Cantor rings pot-bells then presses the STOP button on the recorder.

Cantor observes TWO minutes of silence then rings hand-bells

Preacher

The Word is very near you; it is on your lips and in your hearts. Share a word or experience that you hear now.

People share freely.

Preacher

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader

We'll sing the Lord's Prayer found on page ____ in your music book. If you're sitting way down at that end, we invite you to come closer so that we can all pray together -- the Lord's Prayer, number ____.

Cantor leads congregation in singing Lord's Prayer through "and deliver us from evil". Presider chants the collect of the day.

Cantor leads congregation in singing the conclusion.

Tripudium and Great Entrance

Leader

We'll go up to the table together in step, singing _____ at number _____. The step is very simple, and if you look this way, we'll show you how it goes. Beginning on your right foot, you go: RIGHT – LEFT – RIGHT – BACK. RIGHT – LEFT – RIGHT – BACK. RIGHT-LEFT-RIGHT-BACK. Put

your hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you, and step off when ____ (cantor) tells us.

Presider leads procession, with cross

Cantor leads the music, letting people know when to begin moving to the altar.

Leader goes ahead to table under scroll, with children recruited to carry bread and wine. Bread is in the Navajo basket.

All keep singing and circling Table until all are in rotunda, music is done and bread and wine are on Table

The Peace

Presider

Christ is here, bringing peace here and now. Turn to those around you and share it. The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

People

And also with you!

All exchange the Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION +++

The Great Thanksgiving

As the Peace is calming down:

Leader stands at **presider's** right, hands **presider** cross

Cantor

We'll sing from number ___ in your books, please turn to number ____.

Leader 1 *gesturing for people to come closer*

♪ Draw near! Draw near!

Let us love one another that we may offer...

Presider

♪ Creator of the universe....

At end of the anaphora with people's prayers:

Cantor leads people in singing "Servant of God".

Presider breaks bread.

Leader pours wine into chalices.

Leader, recruits and presider raise paten and chalices high, turning clockwise.

Presider

♪ Holy things for holy people...

People

♪ One is holy...

The Communion

Leader 1

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, and so we give 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)

Leader communicates presider.

Presider communicates cantor (first) and leader

Cantor

Please share communion with each other. After you receive the cup, pass it to the next person saying, "The Blood of Christ."

Cantor leads communion music.

Leader and presider, with recruits, communicate congregation.

Leader arranges chalices and paten neatly after communion, then covers with palls.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider chooses and prays a post-communion prayer from the back of the missal

The Collection

Leader

Now seeing how greatly God loves us, let's share freely of the good things we've received. Bring your gifts of money for the work of the church right up here to the Table, If this is your first time here, you can wait. Instead, notice your blessings and make a thanksgiving gift when you return.

Cantor immediately leads people in an alleluia.

Blessing & Carol

Leader

Is anyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion? If so, please come forward so we can bless you.

If nobody comes forward, go straight to carol.

Leader

We're going to sing "Bless us Jesus" three times. We'll bless ____ [name of person/people] by laying our hands on him/her/them. If you can't reach __ (name of person) put your hand on the shoulder of someone who can.

Leader gathers people around Table for blessing.

Cantor leads "Bless us Jesus" teaching Thuma Mina tune and instructs people to sing it three times.

Presider blesses people with cross.

Cantor

Now we'll sing and dance the carol. 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. Place your right hand on the shoulder of the person to your right, and start walking to the right until we can all move....
Cantor teaches step, then offers pitch, then leads the carol.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God!

Recruit makes announcements; should include invitation to stay for coffee hour, healing prayer, classes, or special events.

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Clean Up

Leaders immediately removes tablecloth, fold neatly and put in vestry; help bring out coffee and food if needed.

Leaders and recruits bring music books back to welcome table and straighten up seating area; put away scripts.

Hang up all vestments neatly.

Note attendance in book; discuss and note any issues.

Wash all the chalices, patens and the wine carafe.