

2016 Easter Day Baptism & Eucharist
St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church
San Francisco, California

Concerning the Service

The liturgy is designed to be led by one vested leader, 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 the side table: flagon with 1 bottle wine in it, with the stopper inserted; paten with 2 loaves of bread, and rice crackers, covered with the pall.

Welcome Table

Greeter

Guestbook with pen

“Button Requests” clipboard

Name tags; red & black sharpies

Collection basket.

Leader’s candle on table, lit.

5 extra stuffed music books

Altar Table

Vested with cloth

4 chalices on left side

1 paten on right side

Missal: Easter Eucharistic prayer & post-communion prayer marked

Chandeliers over altar lit.

Processional cross stand below right edge of table.

Seating

About 90 Easter music books at people’s seats.

Paschal candle and oil lamp (with yellow sesame oil) lit.

Standing thurible with one lit charcoal and incense bowl on the stand by the lectern.

Presider’s Chair

Processional cross stand

Script open to opening prayer

Glass of water.

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

10:30

Setup needs to be finished.

Leader stays by front door until liturgy is underway.

10:40

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

Opening Rites

10:45

Cantor makes sure the recorder is turned ON, but NOT recording.

11:45

Cantor rings the tower bell.

Cantor

Please stand.

All stand.

Presider and Leader walk in, briskly.

Presider carries cross

Leader carries candle

Presider

Christ is risen!

People

He is risen indeed!

Cantor

Welcome to St. Gregory's! We'll be singing throughout the service, so keep your music books with you throughout the service. Right now we'll sing the *Easter Troparion* at Number ___ in your music books, Number _____. We'll sing it three times through.

EASTER TROPARION

*Cantor leads everyone in singing the troparion.
At the conclusion the presider prays.*

OPENING PRAYER

Presider

♪ The Lord be with you.

People

♪ And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray:

O God, by the glorious resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ you
destroyed death and brought life
and immortality to light:

Grant that we, who have been
raised with him, may abide in his
presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit,
be dominion and praise for ever and ever.

People

♪ AMEN.

BLESSING AND INCENSE HYMN

Leader

The blessing and incense hymn are 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 the leader.

The leader carries Gospel Book to lectern, places the Gospel Book on the stand and opens it to the Gospel, then gets the reader and brings him/her to the lectern.

GOSPEL READING

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

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

People

♪ Glory to you, Lord Christ

Reader reads or chants the Gospel.

Reader

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Immediately after the reading,
Reader goes to seat
Leader takes Gospel Book to the preacher, singing...*

Leader

♪ The Gospel of the Lord!

People

♪ Praise to you, Lord Christ!

*Leader gives Gospel Book to preacher
Cantor rings bells; presses RECORD button on the recorder TWICE.
Cantor times two minutes of silence, then rings hand bells.*

SERMON AND SHARING

*Preacher gives SEVEN minute sermon.
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.

Presentation and Examination of the Baptismal Candidate

For those candidates who are speaking for themselves (Adults and Children)

Leader

Present your *candidate* 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 (Infants)

Leader

Present your *child* for baptism.

Sponsors *(all sponsors say together)*

I present _____ for baptism.

Presider *(To the whole congregation)*

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 this child and uphold *her/him* in *her /his* life in Christ?

Everyone

We will, with God's help.

Presider *(To the parents and godparents)*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *his* growth in faith. Will you pray for *her/him*, draw *her/him* by your example into friendship with God and walk with *her/him* in the way of Christ?

Sponsors *(all parents and godparents say together)*

I will, with God's help.

Presider

In baptism, *this child* begins *her/his* journey in faith. Will you care for *her/him*, and help *her/him* to take *her/his* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Sponsors (*all parents and godparents say together*)

I will, with God's help.

Presider (*To the parents and godparents*)

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 turn away from evil?

People

I turn away from evil.

Presider

Do you accept God's forgiveness?

People

I accept God's forgiveness.

Presider

Do you embrace Christ's love?

People

I embrace Christ's love.

Presider

Do you place your trust in Christ's Lordship?


People

I place my trust in Christ the Lord.


Leader

We will sing the Lord's Prayer at page ____ in your baptism booklet.

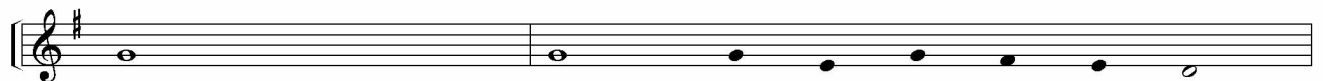
Cantor leads Lord's Prayer



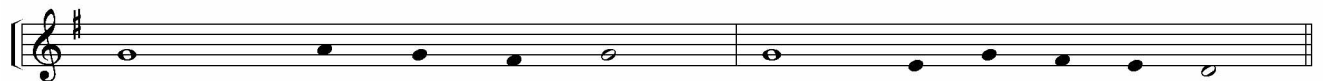
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come,



your will be done on earth and in hea - ven. Give us to - day the bread of life



and for give us our sins, as we forgive those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and deliv - er us from e - vil.

Leader

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.

Leader

For Ingrid, Iris, and Soren whom we baptize today, that they may continually grow in love and friendship with God, growing brighter and brighter as *he* turns into the image that they reflects, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader

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.

Leader

For Marc, our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Peter, Thomas, Louis, Paul and David, bishops of China, Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Presider

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

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader

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.

Leader

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 servants 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...

Cantor leads congregation in singing the conclusion.



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

Tripudium to the Font

Leader 1 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.

During the Tripudium:

Congregation begins moving on Cantor's cue

Leader 1 demonstrates step, then leads a line on RIGHT

Leader 1

We'll go to the font in step, singing _____, found at number __ in your music books number __. 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.

Place your hand on the shoulder of the person in front of you. Sanford 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 the Water

*Leader helps with children and gives the cross to a recruit to hold.
Leader holds baptism kit and a volunteer holds book for presider to
sing from, assisting presbyters (if any) gather around the font.*

Cantor gives tone and starts drone

Leader 1

We're on page ____ of your booklets.

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 for ever 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 and 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!

The Covenant of Baptism

Presider ♪ Let us join those who have committed themselves to Christ in the Covenant of Baptism.

Presider ♪ 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, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

People ♪ I place my heart in God.

Presider ♪ This is the faith of the Church.

People ♫ We place our heart and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Presider ♫ 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.

The Presider turns to the newly baptized and prays

Presider ♪ Heavenly Father, we thank you
that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon *this* your servant
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised *her/him* to the new life of grace.
Sustain *her/him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give *her/him* 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!

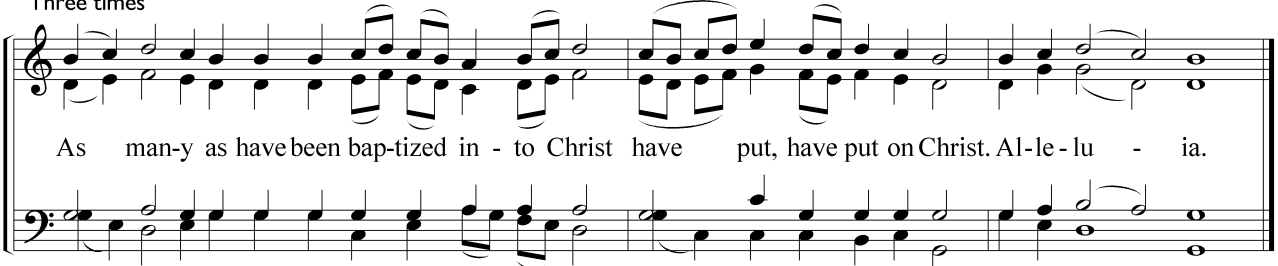
Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

Leader

We'll go into the rotunda, singing at page 8 in your baptism
booklets, *As many as have been baptized*. Keep circling the
table until everyone is inside. Page 8.

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 treble staff contains a melody with various note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, and rests. The bass staff contains a bass line with similar note values. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text '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.'

PEACE

Presider

Christ is here, bringing peace here and now.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

People

And also with you!

All exchange the Peace

GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER


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 *gesturing for people to come closer*

 Draw near! Draw near!

Let us love one another...

At end of anaphora with people's prayers

Cantor leads people in singing "Servant of God".

Presider breaks bread.


Recruit pours wine into chalices, passes one to Leader.

Altar party raise paten and chalices high, turning clockwise.

Presider

 Holy things for holy people...

People

 One is holy...

COMMUNION

Leader

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)

Leader communicates Presider.

Presider communicates Cantor (first) and Leader and 2

Cantor

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

Cantor announces and leads an Easter Troparion (by ear).

Leader and Presider communicate congregation.

Leader brings basket to Table

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

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 Easter Troparion.

BLESSING & CAROL

Leader

Is anyone celebrating a birthday, anniversary, was just baptized, 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!

Leader or recruit makes announcements.

END.