

The Sundays After Pentecost
St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church
San Francisco, California

Concerning the Service

The liturgy is designed to be led by two lay deacons, 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.

God gives us the gift of the liturgy to increase our capacity to love and serve both God and God's creation.

Recruit on Sunday

- Tower bell / gong ringer.
- Fire person (candles only).
- Thurible prep person (incense only).
- Possibly a reader (check with Presider).

Pre-Liturgy Setup

Welcome Table is Inside by Front Doors

- The welcome table has:
 - Guest Book.
 - MFLs with inserts.
 - Face masks.
 - Hand sanitizer.
- Greeters assists in:
 - Getting visitors to sign the guest book.
 - Handing out music books.
 - Welcoming everyone in God's friendship.

Entry

- 2 Icons on stands and candle pre-lit.

Seating Area

- Chairs are generously spaced in the two "wings" nearest the presider's chair.
- Other chairs are more set up more closely.

Cameras/Sound

- Camera Deacon turns on sound board, wireless mic at altar, all computers, Mevo Cameras, iPad, and the VLM.
 - Make sure the wifi settings are:
 - "New SGN" off (set as "guest" on Deco app).
 - "SGN_Service" on.
- Camera Deacon: mute the laptop at the altar.
- Camera Deacon: mute VLM speakers and mic,
- Camera Deacon: face the preacher cam toward the presider.

Deleted: The VLM using remote control

Zoom

- Zoom host lets folks into the zoom room at 9:45 AM.
- Zoom host gets a count of the zoom attendance, bodies not boxes, and saves the chat to send to Leesy.
- Zoom host makes Gospel Reader, VLM, iMac by the preacher, and Laptop all co-hosts.
 - Rename the following:
 - Laptop: *Altar Cam*
 - iMac: *Preacher/Reader Cam*
 - VLM: *Wideview Cam*
- Zoom host makes sure “Chat Box” is open on the VLM.
- Zoom host posts the URL to the worship leaflet.
- Zoom host **spotlights** people as indicated in the script.

Credence Table (between the seating area and rotunda)

- Large Navajo basket, lined with checked cloth, with bread and gluten free crackers in white ceramic dish.
- Thin-spout carafe with wine.
- Sake cups and shot glasses.

Altar Table

- There is a cloth on the altar.
- Altar lamps are all lit.
 - Refill with oil as necessary.
- Single chalice and large paten.
- Missal marked with eucharistic prayer.
- Laptop on stand facing the FONT doors.

Lectern

- Menorah and oil lamp are unlit.
- The standing thurible has lit coals in it.
- The VLM is on and logged into the zoom room.

Presider’s Chair

- Processional cross stand.
- Script open to opening prayer.
- Red collect book marked for the week.
- Music 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; hand bells.
- Music book.

Deacon's Chair

- Music book.
- Stand for the deacon's candle.

Vestry

- Gospel book on the counter.
- Deacon's candle on counter.
 - Replace candle if it's under 3 inches long.
- Presider's cross inside.
- Assemble all liturgical leaders, bell & gong person by 10:00.

Incense Person (to be recruited on Sunday)

- Make sure there's enough incense in bowl at lectern:
 - ½ lavender, ½ benzoin Sumatra.
- Light charcoal at 9:30 and put in the lectern standing thurible.
- Prepare 1 thurible with 1 charcoal during the Lord's Prayer, and bring to the credence table to give to the presider.

Fire Person (to be recruited on Sunday)

- Take light from the Deacon's candle.
- Light menorah and oil lamp when folks enter seating area.
- Recruit extra people, especially children, to help do this.

Bell & Gong

- Recruit someone – visitor, child, or other.
- Comes to vestry at 10:00, leaves and begins ringing bell when vested party starts praying, stops when they come out.
- Rings gong when choir is finished with opening anthem.

Opening

- **Zoom Host** mutes all participants.
- **Camera deacon** before vested party enter while bell is ringing:
 - Face laptop by altar toward the choir.
 - Make sure that the laptop mic is UNMUTED but speakers are MUTED before the choir sings.

Aaron Prayer

- Vested party gather in vestry at 10:00 and pray Aaron Prayer aloud together reading from mirror.
- Bell-ringer leaves vestry **mid-way through** the prayer and rings tower bell.
- Vested party exchanges Peace and assembles in order:
 - **Cantor** goes straight to choir and begins prelude
 - **Presider** with cross
 - **Deacon A** with candle
 - **Deacon B** with gospel book
 - Others

Entrance Procession

- **Bell-ringer** stops ringing when the vested party enters.
- **Cantor** goes to the choir and leads the choir in the prelude.
- **Vested party** (masked)
 - Kiss the altar.
 - Split up and go around the room, greeting everyone warmly, NOT touching people, without conversation, then gather around the round side of the Table.
- When music ends, **bell & gong ringer** hits gong.

Presider

Christ is risen!

People

He is risen, indeed!

Welcoming and Trisagion

Cantor

Welcome to St. Gregory's... (improv welcome to the liturgy – include “keep your mask on”). Right now, we’ll sing the *Holy God* at Number ____ in your music books or leaflets. Number ____.

- **Cantor** leads the *Trisagion*.
- **Deacon** stands near the altar table to use the mic.

Alleluia and Psalm Verses

Deacon A

We’ll move into the seating area together. When you see us leading off with the candle and cross, please go all the way to the far end (gesture) and leave seats at this end for latecomers. If you want a little more distancing, the seats in the wings (point) are more spread out and closer to the open doors. As we go ____ (*cantor*) will sing the psalm of the day, and we’ll sing an Alleluia refrain between verses.

Cantor

The Alleluia goes like this...

- **Cantor** leads the first psalm verse.
- **People** sing the refrain.
- **Camera Deacon** unmutes VLM audio and mic.
- **Zoom Host** immediately turns off Altar camera and mutes mic.
- After the **second Alleluia**:
 - **Presider** leads - **Vested** party follow.
 - **Fire Recruits** light the menorah and oil lamp.
- **Presider and vested party** go to their chairs.
- **Deacon B** hands gospel book to the **Presider**.

Blessing and Incense Hymn

- **Deacon A** speaks into to the mic at their chair.

Deacon A

The Blessing and Incense Hymn is found at number ____ in your music book. Number ____.

- **Cantor** gives **Presider** a pitch.
- **Presider** makes sign of the cross over congregation with Gospel Book.

Presider

♪ Blessed be God, Eternal Source, Living Word, 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 **Deacon B**.
- **Deacon B** takes book to the lectern and adds incense.
- **Deacon B** stands at the lectern for the Erasmus Prayer.

Erasmus Prayer

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

- ***Camera Deacon*** turns camera to face the lectern.

Sh'ma or Opening Song

- **Deacon B** speaks into to the mic.

Deacon B

We'll sing (number ____ Sh'ma Israel, at number ____)
(or number ____, ____ (name) .

♪ Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai..."

- After first verse, **Deacon B** brings the **first reader** to lectern.

Deacon B

Take your seats—**PAUSE**—and listen to a reading from _____.

- **Zoom Host** posts in the chat box: "To see the reader more closely, be sure to click their screen and select pin."
- **Deacon B** steps back and **Reader** speaks into the mic.
- **Reader** reads the first lesson.
- After the reading:
 - **Deacon B** thanks reader and they return to their seats.
 - **Cantor** rings pot bells times TWO minutes of silence, then rings hand bells.

Canticle

Deacon A stands

We'll sing number ____ in your books, ____ (name of song.)
(Or, "We'll sing ____ (name of song) from your colored insert.")

Please stand and sing number ____ (or name of song)

All stand

Cantor

We'll sing ____ (name of song) this way: the first verse in unison, then choose a part and we'll sing the rest of the verses in harmony. We'll sing right through, without pausing at the end of the verse – and we'll keep a brisk tempo. You'll find the Gospel responses ____.

- *After first verse, **Deacon B** goes to the lectern.*

Gospel Reading

- ***Deacon** sings into the mic by the lectern, then steps aside.*

Deacon B

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

People

♪ Glory to you, Lord Christ

- ***Zoom Host** spotlights the reader on Zoom.*
- ***Reader** reads on Zoom.*
- *After the reading, **Deacon B** takes the book back to the presider while singing, then sits.*

Deacon B

♪ The Gospel of the Lord!

People

♪ Praise to you, Lord Christ!

- ***Zoom Host** unspotlights the reader.*
- ***Camera Deacon** turns camera to face the presider.*
- ***Camera Deacon** switches VLM to gallery mode.*
- ***Zoom Host** posts in the chat box: "To see the preacher more closely, be sure to click their screen and select pin."*
- ***Cantor** times two minutes of silence, then rings hand bells.*

Sermon

- **Preacher** gives sermon; indicates to **Cantor** when complete.
- **Cantor** rings pot bells 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. If an experience of your own is close to you now, share it. Just raise your hand and I'll call on you either here or on zoom. We will edit out sermon sharing from the publicly available video. If you're here, step up to the mic and share. Listen for God speaking in each other's stories and in the silence.

- **Zoom Host** uses the chat box to instruct participants to use Zoom's "raise hand" tool.
- **Zoom Host** permits participants to unmute.
- **Camera Deacon** Turn the camera toward the lectern.
- **People** share freely.
- **Camera Deacon** pins any sharers on Zoom, unpinning and returning to gallery mode when they are finished.

Preacher

Thank you all. Keep sharing your stories – God is still speaking.

- **Zoom Host** revokes participants' permission to unmute, and individually mutes those who are already unmuted (not VLM).

Gospel Procession

Deacon A *stands*

The alleluia refrain is found at number ____ in your book. As we sing, we'll carry the Gospel Book around for you to greet. Please stand and sing number ____.

- **Cantor** leads alleluia; chants Psalm verses in between.
- **Preacher** stands and vested party greet the Gospel Book.
- **Deacon B** takes maniple.
- **Deacon A** takes the candle.
- Make sure to pass and pause in front of the VLM so zoom folks can see the Gospel book.
- **Incense person** goes to kitchen to light a charcoal for the thurible.
- GOSPEL PROCESSION ORDER:
 - **Deacon A** carrying candle.
 - **Preacher** carrying the Gospel Book
 - **Deacon B**
- When procession is finished...
 - **Deacon B** takes book and places it on the lectern. Goes to the mic in front of the **Presider** with maniple for the prayers that follow.
 - **Leader A** rings the tower bell or recruits a child to do so, until the vested party has returned to their seats
 - All stand in place at their seats.

The Prayers

- **Deacon B** moves mic slightly forward on the solea, facing the Very Large Monitor and holding maniple and says into the mic:

Deacon B

We'll sing the Lord's Prayer at number _____ in your book. After the prayer for peace take turns calling out your own prayers aloud. If you are on Zoom, you can call out your prayers aloud or put them in the chat box. Number _____.

- **Cantor** leads congregation in singing Lord's Prayer through "and deliver us from evil"
- **Deacon B** lifts maniple when offering prayers.
- **Zoom Host** allows participants to unmute.

Deacon B

For peace in the whole world, for peace in ___ and for what other places shall we pray? (*pause while people call out places, give enough time for all*) and for peace everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy

- **People** add their own prayers
- **Deacon B** turns to the person praying, looking directly at them, holding up maniple; gives plenty of space for everyone to pray, especially encourages people on Zoom, children, and newcomers.
- **Camera Deacon** types prayers from in-person to the chat box.

Deacon A inserts at some point

For Marc, our Bishop, Michael our presiding Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, For Francis of Rome and Bartholomew of Constantinople. And for Peter, Thomas, Louis, Paul and David, bishops of China, Let us pray to the Lord.

- **Presider** decides when to conclude open prayers by saying

Presider

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

People

Lord, have mercy

Deacon B

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

People

Lord, have mercy

Deacon B

For forgiveness, generosity and love among all people everywhere, and for the coming kingdom of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy

Deacon B

In fellowship with Gregory of Nyssa, with Mary the mother of Jesus, (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.

- **Cantor** offers a pitch.
- **Presider** sings collect of the day from red book. (NOTE: end with "through Jesus Christ our Lord," not with doxology)
- **All** sing doxology.
- **Fire person** brings thurible to the waist of the church, and puts incense on the coals.
- **Zoom Host** revokes participants' permission to unmute, and individually mutes those who are already unmuted (not VLM).

The Great Entrance**Deacon A**

Christ is among us! We will welcome Bread and Wine to Christ's Table as we move to the altar.

Take one of the small cups from the table for your pod – each pod will share the cup at Communion. If you are on your own, take a cup for yourself.

As we go, [CANTOR NAME] will sing verses from Psalm 24 and you will respond, singing “Christ is among us!” When you get to the rotunda, keep circling the altar until everyone is there. If you would like more space, we’re making the area under the tiger our distanced quadrant.

—Or—

Deacon A

We’ll go up to the Table, singing (name of hymn), found (at number __, or on your colored sheet.)

We’ll just walk to the table, circling around and around until everyone is in the rotunda.

[CANTOR NAME] will tell us when to start walking.

- **Camera Deacon or Recruit** turn the VLM to face the altar.
- **Camera Deacon** mutes VLM audio with remote control.
- **Camera Deacon** unmutes Laptop mic.
- **Zoom Host** immediately mutes VLM mic.
- **Presider** leads procession, with cross
- **Deacon A** gets recruits who take the bread and wine and places them on the altar.
- **People** get the sake cups for Communion.
- When the **Presider** and **Deacons** arrive at the table they sanitize their hands.

Cantor

♪ The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

People

♪ Christ is among us!

Cantor

♪ For it is she who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

People

♪ Christ is among us!

Cantor

♪ “Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? And who can stand in her holy place?”

People

♪ Christ is among us!

Cantor

♪ “Those who have clean hands and a pure heart.” They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation.

People

♪ Christ is among us!

Cantor

♪ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the glorious sovereign shall come in.

People

♪ Christ is among us!

Cantor

♪ Who is he, this glorious sovereign? The Lord of hosts, he is the glorious sovereign.

People

♪ Christ is among us!

The Peace

Presider

Christ has come, bringing us peace here and now. Turn to those around you—and to everyone on Zoom—and share it. The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

People

And also with you!

- **Camera deacon** turns the laptop to face *Dancing Jesus*.
- **Presider, Deacons, and Cantor** model sharing peace without touching, including those on zoom via the camera at the altar.
- *After the Peace:* **Camera Deacon** turns the laptop to face the Presider.

THE HOLY COMMUNION +++

The Great Thanksgiving

- **People** stand.
- **Presider** stands at the altar.
- **Deacon A** stands at **Presider's** right.
- **Deacon B** stands at **Presider's** left.
- **Cantor** stands at **Presider's** right.
- **EVERYONE** keep books/scripts off the altar.

Cantor shaking sistrum to end the peace

Please make room for the choir over here (gestures) and open your books to number _____. We'll sing through from number _ to _ (or, for Putnam, "you'll see the music separates into two voices, high and low, so pick a part.")

- **Deacon A** hands cross to presider.

Deacon A

♪ Let us love one another that we may offer the Holy Sacrifice in Peace!

People

♪ A blessing of peace, a sacrifice of praise!

Presider *turns, blessing people with cross*

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

- *Hands cross back to **Deacon A** to put in stand.*

People

♪ And also with you.

- ***Presider** sings the rest of the prayer from the missal.*
- ***People** sing responses.*

The Breaking of the Bread

- ***Presider** breaks bread and pours wine into the chalice.*
- ***Presider** raises the paten and chalice high, turning clockwise.*

Presider *lifts paten and begins to turn*

♪ Holy gifts for holy people.

- ***Deacon B** lifts chalice and **Deacon A** lifts the cruet of wine and turns, following **Presider**, showing the wine to the people while **presider** sings.*

People

♪ One is holy...

The Communion

Deacon A

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 NAME] will bring you the bread – and I'll bring wine to pour into your small cup.

- *Deacon A gives **Presider** the bread.*

Deacon A

[PRESIDER NAME], the Body of Christ.

- *Deacon A gives **Presider** the chalice.*
- *Only the **Presider** drinks from the chalice.*

Deacon A

[PRESIDER NAME], the Blood of Christ.

- ***Presider** then communicates **Cantor** and **Deacons**.*
- ***Camera deacon** turns the laptop cam toward the choir.*
- ***Cantor** leads the **Choir** in the Communion Anthem.*
- ***Presider** gives bread to everyone else.*
- ***Deacon A** pours wine into the **People's** cups.*
- ***Deacon B** follows with the basket to collect cups.*
- ***Choir** receives Communion last.*
- ***Cantor** leads the **People** in a Communion Hymn.*

Post-Communion Prayer

- ***Camera deacon** turns the laptop cam toward the **Presider**.*
- ***Presider** prays a post-communion prayer.*

Announcements

- ***Deacon and Announcer** makes announcements.*
- ***Zoom Host** puts names of zoom folks in chat box for the polychronia.*

Deacon A

Now seeing how greatly God loves us, as you leave, share freely of the good things we've received. Leave your gifts of money for the work of the church in the basket by the front doors. If this is your first time here, you can wait. Instead, notice your blessings and make a thanksgiving gift when you return.

Announcer

As soon as we are dismissed, leave your cup in the tub by the door. Please remember to keep on your masks and show your love for one another by remaining physically distanced. (add announcements)

Blessing

Deacon B

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary or another special occasion, come up here (*gesture*) so we can all bless you. If you're on Zoom, raise your hand so we can bless you as well.

Cantor

We're going to bless these people by turning toward them and reaching out our hands toward them.

- **Deacon B** *gathers people around Table for blessing.*
- **Deacon B** *checks chatbox on laptop or VLM for names of those on Zoom to bless.*
- **Presider, Deacons and Cantor** *stretch out their hands to those being blessed.*

Presider

♪ To __ and __ and __ may God grant long life, peace and protection and many years!

People

♪ God grant you many years!

Cantor

We'll sing and dance the carol, __ (number or "on your music sheets".) 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. The step is simple. Starting on your right foot—step to the right and slide your left foot together, step to the left and slide your right foot together. Step to the right, feet together---step to the left, feet together. Step to the right, feet together---step to the left, feet together.

- *At the end of the carol, **Deacon** says:*

Deacon B

Let us bless the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God!

- **Camera Deacon** mutes the monitor and turns off the mics.
- **Zoom Host** allows participants to unmute.
- **Zoom Host** saves chat & sends to Leesy, makes Coffee Hour host the zoom host.

Clean Up

- *Remove tablecloth and put away in vestry.*
- *Recruit someone to take altar table back inside.*
- *Wipe down surfaces as needed.*
- *Hang up all vestments neatly.*
- *Note attendance in book; discuss and note any issues.*
Wash all the cups, patens and the wine carafe.