CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A HYMN OF INVOCATION may be sung.

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

Stand
SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT, PSALM, or ENTRANCE HYMN

KYRIE

\[ \text{A} \quad \text{In peace let us pray to the Lord.} \]
\[ \text{C} \quad \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]

\[ \text{A} \quad \text{For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.} \]
\[ \text{C} \quad \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]

\[ \text{A} \quad \text{For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,} \]
\[ \text{and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.} \]
\[ \text{C} \quad \text{Lord, have mercy.} \]
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.
HYMN OF PRAISE
During Advent and Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE is omitted.

Gloria in Excelsis

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heaven-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa- ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa- ther. A- men.
This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vict-ory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow- er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. Refrain
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Stanza 4
gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Final Refrain

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vict-ory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.

C Amen. OR

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT or FIRST READING

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM or GRADUAL

EPISTLE

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

The congregation sings one of the following, or the choir may sing the appointed VERSE.

Common

C Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Lent

C Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. __________, the __________ chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The CREED may be confessed here or after the SERMON.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

Stand
CREED

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
  the Father Almighty,
  maker of heaven and earth
  and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
  the only-begotten Son of God,
  begotten of His Father before all worlds,
  God of God, Light of Light,
  very God of very God,
  begotten, not made,
  being of one substance with the Father,
  by whom all things were made;
  who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
  and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
  and was made man;
  and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
  He suffered and was buried.
  And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
    and ascended into heaven
  and sits at the right hand of the Father.
  And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
    whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
  the Lord and giver of life,
  who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
  who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
  who spoke by the prophets.
  And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
  I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
  and I look for the resurrection of the dead
  and the life of the world to come. Amen.
**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,  
“Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace  
(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

**OFFERTORY**

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my
If there is no Communion, the service concludes with the LORD’S PRAYER (p. 162), a concluding collect, and the BENEDICTION.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:
SANCTUS

C  Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-

san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P  Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.
DISTRIBUTION
The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
C Amen.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE
One of the following canticles or an appropriate hymn is sung. During Lent, “Thank the Lord” is not sung.

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

OR
Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glory be 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.
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

A We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. OR

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.