

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
in the Diocese of Dallas

Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand for the Processional Hymn

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant may then say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
And from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may
Perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Summary of the Law may be said.

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Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all
your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other
commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

S 101 Holy God *Trisagion*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people may kneel while the Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

People **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day, Lessons, Psalm, and Gospel are printed in the bulletin.

The Lessons

The people sit.

The Lector says

A Reading from_____.

After the Reading, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Or the Lector says

Here ends the reading.

Silence may follow.

A Psalm follows the first Reading. Directions for the congregational participation in the

recitation of the Psalm will be given by the Lector introducing the Psalm.

A Lector continues with the second lesson.

A Reading from_____.

After the Reading, the Lector will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

All stand for the Gospel Hymn. The first half of the Gospel Hymn is sung before the Gospel reading, and the second half is sung after the Gospel reading.

All standing, the Deacon or Priest proclaims the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to_____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Following the sermon, all stand for the recitation of the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (Form I)

The people may kneel and the Leader says:

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Greenville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us

pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

*Silence may be kept, and the People may add their own petitions.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Priest says

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

The Deacon or Priest then says

Humbly kneeling, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneeling. Silence may be kept.

All say:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Priest says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be given at this time.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant gives an Offertory Sentence.

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon or Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Doxology (Old 100th)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Celebrant may also say

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People **Blessed be God for ever**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People say

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.] [Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.] [Remember _____.] [Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.] And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Paul, the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

Celebrant Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
People **Grant us thy peace.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

All stand for the Recessional Hymn

The Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people with these or other suitable words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The people respond **Thanks be to God!**

All Baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacrament at the Altar rail.

The Bread will be placed in your outstretched palm. After you eat it, the Wine may be sipped from the Chalice. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice you may leave the Bread in your hand, and the server will dip it into the Chalice and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive only the Bread or the Wine, or desire only a blessing, you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the Holy Sacrament is in front of you. If coming forward to receive the Holy Sacrament is difficult, we will be glad to bring it to you at your seat. Please let an usher know if you want the Holy Sacrament brought to you.

If Eucharistic Ministers are to be sent out to persons who are unable to attend regular Church services, the following form used after those present have received Communion, but before the Post-Communion Prayer.

Celebrant In the name of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that *those to whom you go* (or *list the names of those receiving the Communion*) may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

Celebrant and People **We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.**

A time of light refreshment and conversation follows each service.

Please join us in the Parish Hall across the breezeway for this time of fellowship!

A Psalm follows the first Reading. At the conclusion of the Psalm, all respond with the Gloria Patria saying:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The foregoing text of the service of worship contained in this program is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* 1979.

The *Book of Common Prayer* alone is of authority in the worship of the Episcopal Church. This program is provided for convenience of use on this occasion