



Old Catholic Apostolic Church

St. Adalbert Oratory

Communion & Mass Service Orders

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Solo Informal Communion

O = Ordained. Instructions are in italics.

This service may be performed by those in Minor Orders (Cleric to Subdeacon) and by Deacons. This service is not a Mass in the sense that it is not a re-creation of the Sacrifice that Christ made as when a Priest would celebrate, but is a remembrance of the Last Supper as Christ shared with His friends in the upper room. This service has been compiled because of Bp. Wedgwood's observation that the Ordained "may have no congregation at all". It is probably best suited for insertion between The LORD'S Prayer and The Blessing in the Divine Offices, since the day's scripture readings will have been recited. It may, however, be used in stand-alone fashion with the Scriptures recited where indicated.

Ordinary bread is used, and a bread roll is ideal. A cracker or water biscuit can be used for those situations where unleavened bread is required. Red wine, or grape juice if preferred, is used. The Ordained may dip the bread, cracker, or biscuit into the wine or juice. An ordinary small plate and a small wine glass is used. A white cloth or paper serviette is already placed on a suitable table.

O: In the Name of the Most High God: (+) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

May the Grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Companionship of the Holy Spirit be with the world. Amen.

[The LCC Confiteor may be said.]

O: O LORD, You created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of Your own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You, O LORD, made us for Yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in You. Look with the eyes of Your love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of Your power and the image of Your goodness; through Christ our LORD. Amen.

[A recored hymn may be played.]

- O:** In preparation to singularly celebrate the mystery of Christ's Love, I confess that I am a sinner and ask the LORD for pardon and for strength.

[Silence may be kept for reflection and confession.]

- O:** I confess to Almighty God,
And to my absent sisters and brothers,
That I have sinned through my own fault:
In my thoughts and in my words,

[Strike the breast at this point, if appropriate]

In what I have done,
And in what I have failed to do;
And I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
All the angels and saints,
As well as those absent sisters and brothers,
To pray for the world and me to the LORD our God.

(+) May Almighty God have mercy on the world, forgive its sins, and bring it to everlasting life. Amen.

[Prayers and Scripture Readings – Daily Missal or Lectionary]

[A Hail Mary may be said.]

[The adapted LCC Act of Faith may be said.]

- O:** I believe that God is love and power and truth and light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach His feet, however far they stray. I hold the Fatherhood of God, the family of humankind; I know that we do serve Him best when we serve one another. So may His blessing rest on the world and peace for evermore. Amen.

The Ordained holds up the plate with the bread on it and says:

- O:** Blessed are You, LORD God of all creation, through Your Goodness this bread is offered, that earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for the world the bread of life. Blessed be God forever.

The plate with the bread is replaced in the center of the cloth. A little wine or juice is poured into the cup; and then a drop of water is added and the Ordained says:

- O:** By the mystery of the mingling of this water and wine may the world come to share in the Divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in its humanity.

Then, raising the cup, the Ordained says:

- O:** Blessed are You, LORD God of all creation, through Your Goodness this drink is offered, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. May it become for the world its spiritual drink. Blessed be God forever.

The cup is placed back on the cloth beside the plate, and the Ordained bows slightly and says:

- O:** With humble and contrite hearts, Heavenly God, the world asks You to receive it and to be pleased with its praises.

At the Last Supper, as Jesus sat at table with the disciples,
Jesus offered Himself to You as the Lamb without blemish,
the acceptable gift that gives You perfect praise.
Jesus left this memorial of the passion
to continue its saving power until the end of time.
In this great feast You feed Your people
and strengthen them in holiness,
so that the human family, which shares the same earth,
may be enlightened by faith
and drawn together by love.
May all who would come to this communal table
be transformed by Your grace
into the likeness of the risen Christ.

And, therefore, earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
they too would join with the hosts of angels
as they proclaim Your glory without end:
Holy, Holy, Holy,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are they who come in the name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the highest!

O: May the world and all its people share food, justice, and peace.

The Ordained lifts the bread, says these words, and then eats.

O: The Body of the LORD Christ broken for the world.

The Ordained lifts the cup, says these words, and then drinks.

O: The Blood of the LORD Christ shed for the world.

The Ordained sets down the cup.

O: Though the people of the earth are many, may they be one body, sharing one bread and one cup.

[The LORD'S Prayer, if not already said.]

[A recored hymn may be played.]

O: Strengthen me, my absent sisters and brothers, to go out into the world to love and serve the LORD. Amen.

[Return the the divine office final blessing, or:]

END of service.

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Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Informal Communion

Words to be said are in this style:

All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

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Ordinary bread is used, and a bread roll is ideal (a cracker or water biscuit can be used for those situations where unleavened bread is required). Red wine, or red grape juice if preferred is used. A communicant may dip their piece of bread into the wine if preferred.

An ordinary small plate and a small wine glass will be used. A white cloth or paper serviette is already placed on a suitable table.

Leader: (+) In the name of the Most High God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Companionship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: Amen.

A Hymn may be sung.

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, we confess that we are sinners and ask the LORD for pardon and strength.

Silence may be kept for reflection and personal confession.

Leader: Let us say together:

All: I confess to almighty God,
And to you, my sisters and brothers,
That I have sinned through my own fault:
In my thoughts and in my words,

(strike your breast at this point if appropriate)

In what I have done,
And in what I have failed to do;
And I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
All the angels and saints,
And you, my sisters and brothers,
To pray for me to the LORD our God.

Leader: (+) May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

The people may cross themselves at this point.

All: Amen.

Prayers should be said, either by the leader, or by someone from the congregation.

The Epistle is read and someone from the congregation is to be preferred as reader.

The Gospel is read and it is preferable that the leader reads it.

Leader: All stand for the Gospel.

And once the reading is finished:

All: Praise to Christ Our LORD.

The people should be seated.

The Hail Mary may be said if desired.

The leader holds up the plate with the bread on it and says:

Leader: Blessed are you, LORD, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer,
That earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

*The plate with the bread is replaced in the centre of the cloth.
A little wine is poured into the cup; and then a drop of water added to the wine
and the leader says:*

Leader: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in
the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our
humanity.

Then raising the cup say:

Leader: Blessed are you, 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.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

*The cup is placed back on the cloth, beside the plate and the leader bows slightly
and says:*

Leader: With humble and contrite hearts, Heavenly God, we ask You to
receive us and to be pleased with our praise this day.

Leader: Let us pray together and say:

All: At the Last Supper, as Jesus sat at table with his disciples,
Jesus offered himself to You as the Lamb without blemish,
the acceptable gift that gives You perfect praise.

Jesus left this memorial of the passion
to continue its saving power until the end of time.
In this great feast You feed Your people Your own Body and Blood
and strengthen them in holiness,
so that the human family, which shares the same earth,
may be enlightened by one faith
and drawn together by one love.
We come then to this communal table
to be transformed by Your grace
into the likeness of the risen Christ.
And, therefore, earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with the hosts of angels
as they proclaim Your glory without end:
Holy, Holy, Holy,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are they who come in the name of the LORD
Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us share a sign of peace together.

All present share a sign of peace.

Then the plate with the bread is passed around; everyone taking a piece. The leader hands it to the first person saying:

Leader: The Body of Our LORD Christ broken for you.

That person then passes it to the next person saying: The Body of Our LORD Christ broken for you. Each person eats the bread after a moments silent reflection.

The glass with wine is passed around; everyone taking a sip. The leader hands it to the first person saying:

Leader: The Blood of Our LORD Christ shed for you.

That person then passes it to the next person saying: The Blood of Our LORD Christ shed for you. Each person sips the wine after a moments silent reflection. Once everyone including the leader has shared the bread and wine, any unused elements are placed on the table and covered with the white cloth.

All say together:

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share the one bread and the one cup.

The LORD'S prayer is said.

Leader: Our Father . . .

All say the LORD'S Prayer together.

A Hymn may be sung.

Leader: Let us all go out into the world to love and serve our LORD.

All: Amen

END of service.

Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

**A Service of Communion
From pre-sanctified hosts when a priest cannot be present.**

Words to be said are in this style: All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

This service may be taken by those in Minor Orders.

The communion table should be surrounded by chairs in a circle. The elements are placed on the communion table before the service commences. This can be any suitable table, with plain white cloth. A table cross should be centrally placed. Pre-sanctified hosts should be kept in the pix and distributed from there.

In necessity, plain unleavened bread (pitta bread or wheat based cracker) can be used instead. Each person should break a piece off for themselves. The wine should be poured into the goblet before the service commences. Red wine shall be used. A small metal or glass goblet shall be used in place of a chalice.

These elements will not be consecrated, but shared as a communion with each other. The elements shall not be raised, and the Sanctus bell must not be used. No blessing is to be said over the elements.

The leader says prayers of welcome and confession. A hymn may be sung.

Leader: The LORD is here.

People: His Spirit is with us.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to praise and thank You, Father, LORD of creation. In Your love You made us for Yourself, when we turned away in sin You did not reject us; but came to meet us in Your Son. You embraced us as

Your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with You. In Christ
You shared our life that we might live in Him and He in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross, said 'It is finished!'

People: And made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Leader: On the night that He was betrayed
In an upper room with His disciples
He took bread, gave thanks, and blessed it.
He gave it to them saying "Take, eat, this is my body
Which is given for you.
Do this is remembrance of me."

People: Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;
His body is the bread of life.

Leader: At the end of supper, taking a cup of wine
He gave You thanks and said," Drink this all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
Which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;
His blood is shed for all.

Leader: As we eat and drink this bread and wine
Let us all be one in Christ our risen LORD Jesus.
With Your whole church throughout the world
We offer You the sacrifice of praise
And lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

All say the LORD'S Prayer.

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Leader: We share these gifts as we share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share the one bread and the one cup.

Bread and wine are shared.

The leader and people pass the bread and wine around. If pre-sanctified hosts are distributed, each person takes their own from the pix. No one person should distribute.

People: Almighty God,
We give thanks that You have fed us
With the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer You our bodies, to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of Your Spirit,
To live and work for Your praise and glory. Amen.

A hymn may be sung. Prayer of dismissal may be offered.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the LORD.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

End of service.

Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Short Mass

Words to be said are in this style:

All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

The Elements are placed on the Altar before the service commences. The Priest says prayers of welcome and confession. A hymn may be sung.

Priest: The LORD is here. + (*blessing the people*)

People: His Spirit is with us.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: It is right to praise and thank You,
Father, LORD of creation.
In Your love You made us for Yourself.
When we turned away in sin
You did not reject us,
But came to meet us in Your Son.
You embraced us as Your children
And welcomed us to sit and eat with You.
In Christ, You shared our life
That we might live in Him
And He in us.

Priest: He opened His arms of love upon the cross, said "It is finished!", and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Priest: On the night He was betrayed,
In an upper room at supper with His disciples
He took bread + (*blessing the bread*)
And gave You thanks.

(The Priest glances heavenward.)

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is My Body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

(The unbroken bread is raised and the Sanctus Bell is rung.)

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of Him: His Body is the bread of life.

Priest: At the end of the supper,
Taking the cup of wine + *(blessing the wine)*
He gave You thanks and said:
“Drink this all of you;
This is My Blood of the New Covenant,
Which is shed for you
For the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

(The chalice is raised and the Sanctus Bell is rung.)

All: Father, we do this in remembrance of Him: His Blood is shed for all.

Priest: As we proclaim His death
And celebrate His rising in glory,
Send Your Holy Spirit
That this bread + *(blessing the bread)*
And this wine + *(blessing the wine)*
Become for us the Blessed Body and Blood of Your Son.

(The chalice and unbroken bread are raised. The Sanctus Bell is rung and the Priest bows.)

All: As we eat and drink these Holy Gifts,
Let us all be one in Christ, our risen LORD Jesus.

Priest: With Your whole church throughout the world,
We offer You the sacrifice of praise
And lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

People: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share in one bread.

(Bread and wine are shared.)

People: Almighty God,
We give thanks that you have fed us
With the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies
To be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of Your Spirit,
To live and work for Your praise and glory. Amen.

(A hymn may be sung. A prayer of dismissal may be offered.)

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the LORD. + *(blessing the people)*

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

END of service.

*Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the
OCAC.*

Order of Service for Holy Communion or Eucharist

The Invocation

Candles, on either side of the cross on the altar, are lit as the celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us build God's temple in prayer and in praise.

Congregation: (+) In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

-or-

Congregation: (+) In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Asperges

The leader sprinkles the altar with the aspergill and says:

Leader: May the LORD purify me that I may worthily perform His service. With the LORD to strengthen me, all evil is repelled from this, His Holy Place and Sanctuary.

The Preparation

We prepare ourselves, by asking God to forgive us.

Congregation: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, 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 praise and magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our LORD. Amen.

Assistant: Jesus said: I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger, and they who believe in Me shall never thirst.

Leader: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive all our sins and clean us from all unrighteousness;

therefore let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Congregation: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against You,
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed.
In the evil we have done,
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
Who died for us, forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve You in life renewed,
To the Glory of Your Name. Amen

The Kyries

Leader: LORD, Have mercy on us.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader: LORD, Have mercy on us.

The LCC Confiteor

Congregation: O LORD, You created us to be immortal and made us to be an image of Your own eternity; yet often we forget the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You, O LORD, made us for Yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in You. Look with the eyes of Your love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of Your power and the image of Your goodness; through Christ our LORD. Amen.

The Absolution

(The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the congregation.)

Leader: The LORD in His loving-kindness look upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD absolve you from all your sins and grant you the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit. For Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: Hear then Jesus' words of Grace: "Your sins are forgiven."

Congregation: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Censing

Incense is burned in the sanctuary and around the altar to purge away evil. The leader lights the incense saying:

Leader: Be blessed in honor of Him in whose service you will be burned.

An introit is sung by the choir and/or congregation whilst the censing is performed.

An assistant announces the Hebrew Bible lesson, Psalm, and Epistle.

The Hebrew Bible readings and Epistle are recited.

Glory to God

The Glory to God is said (or sung). Omitted in Advent and Lent.

Congregation: Glory to God in the Highest,
And Peace to His people on earth
LORD God, heavenly king,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship You,
We give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
LORD God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the LORD,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A hymn is sung.

The Gospel

The celebrant announces the Gospel reading.

Congregation: Glory to Christ our Savior.

The Gospel is read.

Leader: This is the Good News, the Gospel of Christ.

Congregation: Praise to Christ our LORD.

A sermon is preached, or Homily given.

(Prayers of intercession may be said here.)

The LORD'S Prayer

Congregation: Our Father, who is in Heaven
Hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us,

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom the power and glory are Yours,
Now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of the LORD be always with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

The peace should be exchanged with every person present.

The LCC Act of Faith

Leader: Let us stand and affirm our faith.

Congregation: We believe that God is love and power and truth and light; that perfect justice rules the world; that all His children shall one day reach his feet, however far they stray. We hold the Fatherhood of God, the family of humankind; we know that we do serve Him best when we serve one another. So shall His blessing rest on us and peace for evermore. Amen.

A hymn is sung.

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is very right and our bounden duty, that we, at all times and in all places give thanks to You O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven, we worship Your holy name, evermore praising You as we say:

The Sanctus

Congregation: Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Glory be to You, O LORD Most high.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the Highest.

Leader: We praise You LORD God,
King of the universe, through our LORD Jesus Christ,
Who, on the night He was betrayed,
Took bread, gave thanks, blessed and broke it,
Gave it to his disciples saying,
"This is My body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me."
In the same way he took wine,
Gave thanks and gave it to them saying,
"Drink this all of you;
This is the blood of the new covenant
Poured out for you and for many,
For the forgiveness of sins."
For as often as you eat this bread
And drink this wine
You proclaim the LORD'S death
Until He comes.

Congregation: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion

Leader: Therefore Father, as He has commanded us, we do this in remembrance of Him, and we ask You to accept our sacrifice

of praise and thanksgiving.

Congregation: Grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit we who receive your gifts of bread and wine may share in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Leader: Make us to be one body with Him.

Congregation: May we receive these gifts in faith and love, and may we receive Christ our Savior again in our hearts and may together grow up in all things to Him who is above all other; through Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be Yours, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

(The celebrant prays in silence before the altar, preparing himself and asking that he be worthy to serve the LORD in this way.)

Leader: According to the Holy Institution, example and command of our LORD Jesus Christ, and for a memorial of Him, we do this:

Who on the night that he was betrayed, took bread, *(the Celebrant takes and breaks bread)* gave thanks, broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is my body broken for you; do this in remembrance of me."

(The celebrant makes the sign of the cross three times with the broken bread over the chalice, then lays the broken bread on the altar. The chancel bell is rung three times.)

Leader: In the same way he took wine, *(the Celebrant raises the chalice)* saying, "This wine is the new covenant in My blood; do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(The Celebrant places the chalice on the altar, bows his head, and the chancel bell is rung three times.)

The Celebrant and the Leader commune, and then administer communion with

the other assistants.

Assistant: You that truly and honestly repent of your sins and are resolved to follow Christ, draw near with faith, and share this sacrament for the increase of grace.

The Celebrant and Leader with the assistants administer the bread and wine to the people saying quietly to each:

“Take eat; this is the body of Christ broken for you; do this in remembrance of him.”

“This cup is the wine of the new covenant by Christ’s blood shed for the remission of sins; drink of Gods love.”

(The celebrant disposes of the remaining elements with reverence.)

The Thanksgiving

Congregation: O LORD God, Father of our LORD Jesus Christ; we give to You all glory, thanks, and praise for Your great goodness, in that You have permitted us to make this memorial of Your son our Savior and His sacrifice on the cross; and have received us into communion with Him; fed us at your table with this spiritual food. We humbly ask You to accept us as we dedicate ourselves to You again, and assist us with Your grace, that we may continue in holy fellowship, and live our lives to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

A hymn is sung.

The Nunc Dimittis

Leader: LORD, now let your servant go in peace, Your word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of every people.

Leader: A light to reveal You to the nations,

Congregation: And the glory of all Your people.

The altar candles are extinguished.

The Gloria

Congregation: Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

Notes from OCAC Worldwide:

This is one of the forms of service we use. We welcome anyone to use it and change it as they require to suit their circumstances. As we use it, we term our leader Pastor. The parts said by the assistant are said by our Deacon but can be said by the leader. We use the term celebrant to mean the one who is 'presiding' over the service and actually breaking the bread. When there is a celebrant as well as the leader, the leader says the words while the celebrant does the actions.

We believe in congregation involvement and actively encourage participation, in reading lessons, helping administer the sacrament, in leading prayers.

Unitarian and churches that feel uncomfortable with the Trinitarian aspects of this service should substitute 'In the name of Christ' or similar terms where appropriate.

As always, feel free to adjust this service to suit your needs.

Liberal Catholic Eastern Rite Mass

Words to be said are in this style: All: say these words.

Instructions are in italics.

The priest and servers process into the church.

The Great Collect

The congregation stands.

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of God the Creator, (+) of the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Priest: In peace, let us pray to God Almighty, Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison.

Priest: For this Holy Temple and for all who enter, Christe eleison.

All: Christe eleison.

Priest: For the peace of the whole world; for the good estate of the Holy Church, and for the unity of the faithful, Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison.

Priest: Calling to mind our LADY, all Holy, immaculate and ever- blessed Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another all our lives to the fruit of Her womb, Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Priest: For unto You do we ascribe all glory, honour and worship; to God the Creator, the Redeemer (+) and the Sanctifier, both now and

forever.

All: Amen.

The congregation kneels.

Priest: You who have granted us to pray together in harmony, and Who promised that when two or three are gathered together to call upon Your Name, You will give us what we ask; grant us what we seek, so far as is good, granting us in this world the knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come eternal life. To You do we ascribe all glory, honour and worship, God the Creator, (+) the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Antiphon

The congregation stands.

Priest: It is good to give thanks to our God, the Creator of heaven and earth:

All: Through the intercessions of Our LADY Mary, hear our prayer;

Priest: To show us Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your truth throughout the night:

All: Through the intercessions of Our LADY Mary, hear our prayer;

Priest: To proclaim that God Almighty is great! To sing Your praises for ever:

All: Through the intercessions of Our LADY Mary, hear our prayer.

Procession of the Gospel

Priest: Wisdom!

All: Come let us worship and bow down before Christ. O Son of God, who has risen from the dead, we sing to You; Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Collects

The congregation kneels.

Priest: Only begotten Son and Word of God, who is immortal, Who was incarnate of the Holy LADY Mary, and was made man; was crucified and ascended to heaven, who reigns with the unity of God our Creator and the Sanctifier; preserve us.

All: Amen.

Priest: O Protector of Christians, our LADY and our boast unashamed; mediator unwearied in prayer at the foot of the Throne of God; hear our voices raised in praise and prayer. Holy Mother, intercede for us your children, for Your protection never fails those that honour You.

All: Amen.

Priest: And holy are You O God, our heavenly Creator and to You we ascribe all honour and glory through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Triangion

All: Holy are You O God; reveal Your wisdom in us. Holy are You O God; pour down your strength upon us. Holy are you O Immortal one; unveil Your beauty to us.

The Epistle

The congregation sits.

Priest: Let us Attend!

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from the Epistle of St. _____

After the reading the priest says:

Priest: Let us attend.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Praise be to You.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel

A deacon reads the Gospel.

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. (+) Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. _____

All: Glory be to you O God.

After the reading the deacon says:

Deacon: This is the Word of the LORD.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

A sermon or homily may be given.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: Let us say with all our soul, and with all our mind: God hear our prayer.

All: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: We pray for +Adrian our presiding Bishop, and for all bishops and clergy, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

All: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen (name of President etc), and for all put in authority under her (him).

All: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: We pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

All: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: We pray for those who have departed this life, that they may ever enjoy Your Presence.

All: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: We pray for those Your servants that serve at Your Altar, and they that do the work of Your Holy Church.

All: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: That being ever protected by Your power, we may render glory to You; to God the Creator, (+) the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, both

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now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The congregation stands.

The Great Entrance

The items for Mass are brought to the altar. While being conveyed, the following is said:

All: We that in mystery Holy Cherubim portray, who sing to the life giving Trinity the thrice holy hymn, let us now cast off all earthly cares, that we may receive the (+) Redeemer of all, escorted by the invisible angelic hosts. Alleluia!

Priest: May Jesus Christ our Saviour remember us in the Realm of Heaven and earth, now and forever.

All: Amen. That we may welcome the (+) Redeemer of glory. Alleluia!

Priest: Let us pray.

The congregation kneels.

Priest: For the precious gifts here offered, let us pray to Almighty God.

All: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: O God, Creator of heaven and earth, accept our sacrifice of praise, command Your holy Angel to carry our prayers to Your altar on high. This do we ask through the mediation of Your Son, Jesus Christ our blessed (+) Redeemer, who with You and the Holy Spirit reign together, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Creed

Or an affirmation of faith. The congregation stands.

Priest: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

All: We place our trust in God, the holy and all glorious Trinity, which dwells in the spirit of human kind. We place our trust in Jesus Christ the first among many, who leads us to the glory of God Almighty, and is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We place our trust in the Law of Good which rules the world; we strive towards the ancient narrow path that leads to life eternal; we know that we serve God best when best we serve our fellow brothers and sisters. So shall God's blessing rest on us (+) and peace for ever more. Amen.

The Anaphora

Priest: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God Almighty, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Holy Trinity.

Priest: Let us give thanks to Almighty God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

Priest: It is fitting and right to worship God the Creator, (+) the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, singing:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, God the Creator. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosannah in the highest!

The congregation sits.

The Consecration

Priest: Wherefore, Almighty God the Creator, we pray You to look down on and accept these offerings, which we Your servants and Your whole household do make unto You, in obedience to the command of Your most blessed Son, our (+) Redeemer Jesus Christ. Which offerings Almighty God with the Holy Spirit and Word to

+ bless, + approve, and + ratify,

that they may become for us the most precious

+ Body and + Blood.

Who the day before he suffered took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up to heaven towards You O God Almighty, giving thanks to You,

He + blessed, brake, and gave

to His disciples saying; "Take and eat all of this, for THIS IS MY BODY."

In like manner, after He had supped, taking this noble chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to You,

He + blessed it and gave

to His disciples, saying, "Take and drink all of this, for THIS IS MY BLOOD. As often as you do these things, you shall do them in remembrance of Me."

All: We praise You, we bless You and we give thanks to You, Jesus Christ our (+) Redeemer.

Priest: Especially for our LADY, the all holy immaculate and ever blessed

Virgin Mary.

All: It is truly meet to call You blessed, O LADY Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother to us all, LADY, more precious than the Cherubim and more glorious than the Seraphim; we magnify Your name.

Priest: (+) And grant us O God, with one mouth and one heart to glorify with song to praise Your honourable Name, O God the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier, both now and for ever.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen.

The congregation stands.

Preparation for Communion

Priest: Let us pray. That our God who loves us all, having received us on the holy and mystical altar in heaven may send down upon us the divine grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

All: O God hear our prayer.

Priest: For the angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies.

All: O God hear our prayer.

Priest: Let us pray to Almighty God who as a loving parent may pardon us of our shortcomings.

The congregation kneels.

All: O God, You created us to be immortal and made us in the image of Your own eternity, yet often we forger the glory of our heritage and wander from the path which leads to righteousness. But You O God, made us for Yourself and our hearts are ever restless till they find their rest in You. Look with the eyes of Your love upon our manifold imperfections and pardon all our shortcomings, that we

may be filled with the brightness of the everlasting light and become the unspotted mirror of Your power and the image of Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Absolution

Priest: God the Creator, the Redeemer (+), and the Sanctifier, bless preserve and sanctify you; may God in loving kindness look down upon you and be gracious to you and

+ *absolve you from all your sins*

and grant you the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The congregation stands.

The LORD'S Prayer

All: Almighty God, who art in heaven, holy is Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The congregation are seated during communion, coming forward to receive.

Communion

Priest: (+) You that desire to partake of the Body of Jesus Christ, draw near to receive this most holy Sacrament.

Priest: The body of our LORD Christ, keep you in life eternal.

Priest: The blood of our LORD Christ, keep you in life eternal.

Each one: Amen.

After receiving communion, the congregation return to their seats.

Collect of Thanksgiving

Priest: Let us attend. Having partaken of the divine, holy and heavenly mysteries of Christ, let us give thanks.

All: Graciously hear our prayer.

Priest: O Jesus Christ, who has blessed humankind and sanctified us so that we can place our trust in You, preserve the inheritance of Your Church. For we ascribe all glory, honour and worship, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Final Blessing

Priest: Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, through the intercession of His holy and all glorious Mother bless you and keep you. And the Blessing of God the Creator,

+ Jesus Christ the Redeemer,

and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier, be among us and remain with us always.

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All: Amen.

The clergy process out.

Please pray for your families, work, and neighborhood. Please also pray for the OCAC.

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Appendix Hymnal

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<https://musicasacra.com/music/english-hymns-in-the-commons/>

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(These sites may, unfortunately, move or be deleted someday. Query for “public domain hymns” in a search engine.)

Appendix Prayers

Pre-Sanctified and Short Mass Prayers, from Hymns of the Spirit

Communion Prayer of Welcome

We remember, O God, in this our Communion, the multitudes joined with us by faith in the Spirit of Christ, and other multitudes also, of other Names, seeking the truth. We remember the needy of body and of spirit, wherever they may be in all the earth. We remember those who have passed, whose lives have blessed us in faith and righteousness. May perpetual light shine upon them. We remember mothers and fathers, from the beginning of the world, and all who have wrought righteousness down to the present day. We remember the whole family of the earth, of every tribe and kindred and tongue. May Your presence in the hearts of all lead us together to new heights of fellowship, peace, and joy. Amen.

Communion Prayer of Confession

Before the wonders of life, O God, we acknowledge our failures to see and to revere ; before the sanctities of life we are ashamed of our disrespects and indignities ; before the gifts of life we own that we have made choices for lesser goods, and here today seek the gifts of the spirit. Before the heroisms of life may we be enlarged to new devotions. Amen.

Communion Prayer of Dismissal

O God, grant us a vision of a world, fair as it might be, fair as it should be ; a world of justice, where none shall prey on others ; a world of plenty, where vice and poverty shall cease to fester ; a world of sisterhood and brotherhood, where all success shall be founded on service, and honor shall be given to nobleness alone ; a world of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for this world, the great mother of the common life and common weal. Hear, O God, the prayer of all our hearts as we pledge our time and strength and thought to speed the day of her coming beauty and righteousness. Amen.



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