

At Grace Episcopal Church, we celebrate The Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of the Month as our service of worship. The service normally follows Rite Two which is found from page 355 to 382 in *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* according to the use of The Episcopal Church. Below is an illustration of what may be found in the *BCP*.

Please join us for worship. ALL are welcome!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

From *The Book of Common Prayer*
(www.bcponline.org)

The Word of God

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.
The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom,

People **now and for ever.**

Amen.

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia.**

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant may 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 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 Celebrant says the Collect.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson)

from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added. After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

or the Reader may say Here ends the Reading (Epistle).

Silence may follow

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ
according to _____.

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

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows,
all standing*

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

Prayer is offered with intercession for
The Universal Church, its members, and
its mission
The Nation and all in authority
The welfare of the world
The concerns of the local community
Those who suffer and those in any trouble
The departed (with commemoration of a
saint when appropriate)

Confession of Sin

*A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been
said earlier.*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and
our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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

All stand. The Celebrant 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.*

The Holy Communion

*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 Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant,
whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or
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 right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and every-where to give thanks to
you, Father Almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our
voices with Angels and Archangels and
with all the company of heaven, who for
ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory
of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

**By him, and with him, and in him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and
glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and
for ever. AMEN.**

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 sung or said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us;
**Therefore let us keep the feast.
[Alleluia.]**

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at
other times except during Easter Season.
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the
following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and
may
add
Take them in remembrance that
Christ died for you, and feed on
him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

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

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ
keep you in everlasting life. [**Amen.**]

or with these words

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

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

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.*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them
with these words*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**