



ST. MATTHEW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Public Service of Healing

Liturgy of the Word

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in worship areas so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship.

Presider Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray:

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Holy Gospel

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

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

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Litany of Healing

The Presider introduces the Litany with this bidding:

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

Members of the congregation take turns bidding each petition, beginning with the Presider and moving clockwise.

Presider God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Participant God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Participant God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Participant Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Participant Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Participant Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Participant Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Participant Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Participant Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Participant Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Participant You are the Lord who does wonders;

People **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Participant With you, O Lord is the well of life;

People **And in your light we see light.**

Participant Hear us, O Lord of life;

People **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Presider

O Lord, our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People and Presider

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Presider continues with an absolution

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.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Before individuals receive the laying on of hands and anointing, the congregation says the following anthem.

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The congregation takes turns praying for one another. Then, the Presider anoints each person.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues the Eucharistic prayer

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Presider 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place

a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then says

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

People and Presider

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome at God's table.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer

In place of the usual post communion prayer, the following prayer is said

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Presider pronounces this blessing

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**