

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JAMES

THE PREPARATION

Before the Divine Liturgy an appropriate Prothesis may be used.

The Priest says (softly) the following prayer immediately before the clergy enter into the nave:

Priest: Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy name: through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: there is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: Kyrie eleison! And write these laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

THE SAINT JAMES LITURGY FOR THE ANCIENT SCOTTISH CHURCH

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Prayer of Preparation

Standing before the Holy Altar, the Bishop (or Priest if celebrating) softly says this prayer as he faces east [At the same time the deacon or deacons stand on either side of the Royal Doors, facing the people. If there are concelebrants, they stand around the altar as the celebrant prays]:

Priest: O Sovereign Lord our God, condemn me not, defiled with a multitude of sins: for, behold, I have come to this Thy divine and heavenly mystery, not as being worthy; but looking only to Thy goodness, I direct my voice to Thee: God be merciful to me, a sinner; I have sinned against Heaven, and before Thee, and am unworthy to come into the presence of this Thy holy and spiritual table, upon which Thy only-begotten Son, and our Lord Jesus Christ, is mystically set forth as a sacrifice for me, a sinner, and stained with every spot. Wherefore I present to Thee this supplication and thanksgiving, that Thy Spirit the Comforter may be sent down upon me, strengthening and fitting me

for this service; and count me worthy to make known without condemnation the word, delivered from Thee by me to the people, in Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy, and good, and quickening, and consubstantial Spirit unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The veil (curtain) and Royal Doors are opened, and the Bishop or Priest stands before the Holy Altar facing east and exclaims:

The Invocation

Priest: + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the triune light of the Godhead, which is unity subsisting in trinity, divided, yet indivisible: for the Trinity is the one God Almighty, whose glory the heavens declare, and the earth His dominion, and the sea His might, and every sentient and intellectual creature at all times proclaims His majesty: for all glory becomes Him, and honour and might, greatness and magnificence unto the ages of ages. Amen.

People: Amen.

Prayer of Perfection

Priest or concelebrant chants audibly:

O Beneficent King eternal, and Creator of the universe, receive Thy Church, coming unto Thee through Thy Christ: fulfil to each what is profitable; lead all to perfection, and make us perfectly worthy of the grace of Thy sanctification, gathering us together within Thy holy Church, which Thou hast purchased by the precious blood of Thy only-begotten Son, and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with whom Thou art blessed and glorified, together with Thy all-holy, and good, and quickening Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The deacon stands in the midst of the soleas, looks west toward the people and exclaims:

Deacon: Let us again pray to the Lord!

The Bishop or Priest takes the censer, censes the Holy Altar thrice from the front, then the Holy Gospels, and chants audibly:

First Incense Prayer

Priest: God, who didst accept the gifts of Abel, the sacrifice of Noah and of Abram, the incense of Aaron and of Zacharias, accept also from the hand of us sinners this incense for an odour of a sweet smell, and for remission of our sins, and those of all Thy people; for blessed art Thou, and glory becomes Thee, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Priest gives up the censer to the Deacon. The Deacon puts it in its rightful place until the Little Entrance.

Deacon: Master, pronounce the blessing.

Priest: Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, who through exceeding goodness and love not to be restrained wast crucified, and didst not refuse to be pierced by the spear and nails; who didst provide this mysterious and awful service as an everlasting memorial for us perpetually: + bless Thy ministry in Christ the God, and + bless our entrance, and fully complete the presentation of this our service by Thy unutterable compassion, + now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Deacon responds prayerfully:

Deacon: The Lord bless us, and make us worthy seraphically to offer gifts, and to sing the oft-sung hymn of the divine Trisagion, by the fulness and exceeding abundance of all the perfection of holiness unto the ages of ages.

THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

The Altar-Servers gather at the High Place, face the east and cross themselves; turn and bow to the Chief Celebrant. They proceed with Processional Candles toward the North Door. The Deacon takes the censer and goes counter-clockwise around the south side of the Holy Altar. The Priest takes up the Holy Gospel and follows elevating it symbolising the victory of Christianity throughout the world. The Procession exits through the North Door (left side) and , if possible, goes to the western wall of the Church through its north door into the Narthex and then enters the Church through the main door in the west wall and continues to the steps of the soleas. [The Little Entrance signifies the beginning of the Lord's preaching to all the world. The lighted candles indicate that the Word of God is the light of the world, and the servers commemorate the forerunner of Christ, last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, and the Holy Gospel reminds us of the divine wisdom contained in it.]

The Deacon and choir begin to sing in the entrance:

O Word immortal of eternal God,
Only-Begotten of the only Source,
For our salvation stooping to the course
Of human life, and born of Mary's blood;

Sprung from the ever-virgin womanhood
Of her who bare Thee, God immutable.

Incarnate, made as man with man to dwell,
And condescending to the bitter Rood;

Save us, O Christ our God, for Thou hast died
To save Thy people to the uttermost,
And dying tramplest death in victory;
One of the ever-blessed Trinity,

In equal honour with the Holy Spirit,
And with the eternal Father glorified. Amen.

Prayer from the Gates

When the choir has finished singing, the Priest stands before the Royal Doors facing the Holy Altar and prays (softly):

Priest: God Almighty, Lord great in glory, who hast given to us an entrance into the Holy of Holies, through the sojourning among men of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord, and God, and Saviour Jesus Christ, we supplicate and invoke Thy goodness, since we are fearful and trembling when about to stand at Thy Holy Altar; send forth upon us, O God, Thy good grace, and sanctify our souls, and bodies, and spirits, and turn our thoughts to piety, in order that with a pure conscience we may bring unto Thee gifts, offerings, and fruits for the remission of our transgressions, and for the propitiation of all Thy people, by the grace and mercies and loving-kindness of Thy only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Then all sing the Troparia and Kontakia of the day [or an appropriate Hymn of the Scottish Orthodox Church] as the Celebrant enters into the Holy Altar through the Royal Doors and stands in his place. The Priest bows reverently and lays the Holy Gospel on the Holy Table. The Deacon remains on the soleas facing west (toward the people).

The Bishop or Priest turns towards the people and says:

Priest: + Peace be to all.

People: And to thy spirit.

Prayer at the Holy Table

Priest: The Lord + bless us all, and sanctify us for the entrance and celebration of the divine and pure mysteries, giving rest to the blessed souls among the good and just, by His grace and loving-kindness unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Then the Deacon stands in the midst of the soles facing the people and chants the bidding prayer:

The First Litany

Deacon: In peace let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the peace that is from above, and for God's love to man, and for the salvation of our souls, let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, for the unity of all the holy churches of God, let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the remission of our sins, and forgiveness of our transgressions, and for our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and distress, and from the uprising of our enemies, let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Commemorating the most holy, undefiled, blessed and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, with the glorious Prophet Saint John the Forerunner, the Holy Apostles and victorious Martyrs, and all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: Amen.

All sing the Trisagion Hymn:

+ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Who was born of the Virgin: have mercy upon us!

+ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Who was crucified for our sake: have mercy upon us!

+ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Who arose from the dead and ascended into heaven: have mercy upon us!

+ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Prayer of the Trisagion

Priest: (bowing down and softly):

O compassionate and merciful, long-suffering, and very gracious and true God, look from Thy prepared dwelling-place, and hear us Thy suppliants, and deliver us from every temptation of the devil and of man; withhold not Thy aid from us, nor bring on us chastisements too heavy for our strength: for we are unable to overcome what is opposed to us; but Thou art able, Lord, to save us from everything that is against us. Save us, O God, from the difficulties of this world, according to Thy goodness, in order that, having drawn nigh with a pure conscience to Thy Holy Altar, we may send up to Thee without condemnation the blessed hymn Trisagion, together with the heavenly powers, and that, having performed the service, well pleasing to Thee and divine, we may be counted worthy of life everlasting.

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(aloud):

Because Thou art holy, Lord our God, and dwellest and abidest in holy places, we send up the praise and the hymn Trisagion to Thee, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest (turning toward the people and blessing them):

Priest: + Peace be to all.

People: And to thy spirit.

Choir: The triple Alleluia is sung alternating with verses from appointed Psalms:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Bishop and Priest proceed to the High Place the Bishop sitting to the north and the Priest to the south side. If the Bishop is absent, the Priest sits on the south side. The Deacon takes the censer, approaches the Priest for a blessing, and, after receiving it, censes the Holy Table, including the Holy Gospel, round and about the whole sanctuary, the Bishop and Priest, Iconostasis/railing, and the people.

The Old Testament

The Holy Scriptures are intoned from the ambo (the area immediately in front of the Holy Doors):

Reader: A reading from the Book of... His blessings be upon us. Amen.

Deacon: Let us attend!

The reader reads from the Old Testament. When he has finished:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Deacon: Let us attend! Wisdom!

The Epistle

The reader intones....

Reader: A reading from the Epistle of our teacher Saint.... His blessings be upon us. Amen.

Deacon: Let us attend!

The reader reads from the Epistle. When he has finished:

People: Thanks be to God!

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us stand and attend to the Holy Gospel!

The Holy Gospel

The Deacon takes the Holy Gospel to the Priest for a blessing. The Priest + blesses, and the Deacon intones the Holy Gospel from the ambo facing west.

Deacon: The reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint....

People: Glory be to Thee, O God, glory be to Thee!

The Deacon intones the Holy Gospel. When he is finished the people sing:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Deacon then goes through the Holy Doors and reverently places the Holy Gospel on the Holy Table, standing it upright between antimension & tabernacle.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee!

[Teaching -The Homily (Sermon)]

The Priest delivers the Homily from the ambo/analogion [pulpit or designated place in the Scottish Orthodox Church].

The Second Litany

After the reading and instruction the Deacon says:

Deacon: Let us all say, Lord, be merciful.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers; We beseech Thee, hear us.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the peace which is from above, and for the salvation of our souls; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, and the unity of all the holy churches of God; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the salvation and succour of our holy Father, Metropolitan (or Bishop) _____, and for all the holy Episcopate, for the presbytery, the diaconate, the brotherhood of monks, all holy women, and for all Christ-loving people; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For this land, its authorities and armed forces; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the salvation and help of all the Christ-loving people; We beseech Thee, hear us.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, distress, from captivity, bitter death, and from our iniquities; We beseech Thee, hear us.

People: For the people standing round, and waiting for the rich and plenteous mercy that is from Thee; We beseech Thee, be merciful and gracious.

The Bishop or Priest then comes to the Royal Doors, turns toward the people and makes the sign of the Cross over them:

Priest: Save Thy people, O Lord, and +bless Thine inheritance.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Visit Thy world in mercy and compassion, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Exalt the horn of Christians by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, we beseech Thee Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: We beseech Thee, most merciful Lord, hear us praying to Thee, and have mercy upon us.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the remission of our sins, and forgiveness of our transgressions, and for our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and distress, let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Let us all entreat from the Lord, that we may pass the whole day, perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Let us entreat from the Lord a messenger of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Let us entreat from the Lord forgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Let us entreat from the Lord the things which are good and proper for our souls, and peace for the world.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Let us entreat from the Lord, that we may spend the remaining period of our life in peace and health.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Let us entreat that the close of our lives may be Christian, without pain and without shame, and a good plea at the dread and awful judgment seat of Christ.

People: Kyrie eleison!

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Priest (aloud):

For Thou art the gospel and the light, Saviour and keeper of our souls and bodies, God, and Thy only-begotten Son, and Thy all-holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Commemorating with all the holy and just, our all-holy, pure, most glorious Lady, the Mother of God, and Ever-Virgin Mary, let us devote ourselves, and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord!

Prayer for Illumination

Priest: God, who hast taught us Thy divine and saving oracles, enlighten the souls of us sinners for the comprehension of the things which have been before spoken, so that we may not only be seen to be hearers of spiritual things, but also doers of good deeds, striving after guileless faith, blameless life, and pure conversation.

Ekphonesis

The Priest unfolds the antimimension on the Holy Table, signing the antimimension with the sponge as he says:

(aloud)

In Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Kissing the sponge, he places it on the right side.

The Dismissal of the Catechumens

[It is no longer the practise to actually require the unbaptised to leave.]

Deacon: Let none remain of the catechumens, let none of the unbaptized, none of those who are unable to join with us in prayer remain. The doors! Stand aright. Let us pray to the Lord!

THE LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest (softly):

O Sovereign giver of life, and provider of good things, who didst give to mankind the blessed hope of eternal life, our Lord Jesus Christ, count us worthy in holiness, and perfect this Thy divine service to the enjoyment of future blessedness.

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(aloud) So that, guarded by Thy power at all times, and led into the light of truth, we may send up the praise and the thanksgiving to Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Deacon takes the censer, obtains a blessing from the Priest, censes around the Holy Table, Table of Prothesis, High Place, left to right, then exits through the Royal Doors and censes both sides of the iconostasis, icons, Priest and the faithful, upon returning he censes the Holy Table.

Prayer of Incense

Priest: Sovereign Almighty, King of Glory, who knowest all things before their creation, manifest Thyself to us calling upon Thee at this holy hour, and redeem us from the shame of our transgressions; cleanse our mind and our thoughts from impure desires, from worldly deceit, from all influence of the devil; and accept from the hands of us sinners this incense, as Thou didst accept the offering of Abel, and Noah, and Aaron, and Samuel, and of all Thy saints, guarding us from

everything evil, and preserving us for continually pleasing, and worshipping, and glorifying Thee, the Father, and Thy only-begotten Son, and Thy all-holy Spirit, now and always, and unto the ages of ages.

The Lavabo

The Deacon brings the basin and towel, and the Priest washes his hands:

Priest: I will wash mine hands in innocence.

People: So will I compass Thine Altar, O Lord.

The Deacon then takes away the basin and towel and places them by reverently.

The Great Entrance

The Priest kisses the Holy Table, bows to the people, and the Deacon accompanies him to the Table of Prothesis. Upon arriving there, the Priest censes the Gifts. He gives the diskos with the Holy Bread to the Deacon who carries it before his chest. The Priest takes the chalice and follows the Deacon, who is preceded by Altar-Servers bearing lights (candles) and incense, through the north door (left) of the Altar. They proceed along the north side of the Church and come up the center of the nave. The Readers begin the Cherubic Hymn:

Cherubic Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with awe and reverence stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In His Body and His Blood,
He will give to all the faithful,
His own Self for Heavenly Food.

Rank on rank, the Host of Heaven,
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth,
From the realm of endless day;
That the powers of hell may vanish,

As the darkness clears away.

At His feet, the six-winged Seraphs,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice, they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High.

Upon reaching the ambo, the Priest and Deacon pause facing west and shall remember all those for whom the Holy Sacrifice is offered both the living and the dead:

[Nn...]

The Deacon then chants:

Deacon: May the Lord God remember you all unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The candle bearers stop at the Royal Doors and take up positions on each side facing one another other. The Deacon and Priest enter through the Royal Doors and reverently place the Holy Gifts on the opened Antimension upon the Holy Table as if in the grave. The Priest sets the chalice on the Holy Table, takes the diskos from the Deacon and places it to the left (north, the Priest's left) of the chalice, removes the veils from the diskos and chalice and sets the veils to one side of the Holy Table. The Deacon holds the censer while the Priest wraps the aer round it [holding the veil in the smoke] and then covers the diskos and chalice with the aer.

[The covering of the Holy Gifts symbolizes the burial of Christ. The Great Entrance reenacts our Lord Jesus Christ voluntarily going to his Passion to suffer and die for us. The covering the Holy Gifts represents the stone.]

The candle bearers bow (together) before the Royal Doors and return to their places.

The Prayer of the Offering

The Priest, facing east, intones the Prayer of the Offering:

Priest: O Lord, our God, who didst send forth the heavenly bread, the food of the whole world, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a Saviour, and Redeemer, and Benefactor, blessing and sanctifying us, do Thou Thyself bless this offering, and graciously receive it to Thy altar above the skies.

Priest: Remember in Thy goodness and love those who have brought it, and those for whom they have brought it, and preserve us without condemnation in the service of Thy divine mysteries: for

hollowed and glorified is Thy all-honored and great name, +Father, and +Son, and +Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Priest censens the offering.

The Deacon receives a blessing from the Priest, goes out the north door of the sanctuary, stands before the Royal Doors, elevates his oration and chants:

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

The veil is opened for the recitation of the Creed.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed

During the reciting of the Creed, the Priest lifts the veil (aer) which covers the Holy Gifts and gently fans them, thus symbolising the breath of Grace of the Holy Spirit.

People: 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 Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being Consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried;

And [Priest ceases waving the aer gently over the Gifts]rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; [The Priest kisses the aer and places it at the northeastern side (upper left from him) of the Holy Table.]

And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; who proceeded from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets.

I believe in One Holy, Catholic 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.

Priest (bowing his neck):

God and Sovereign of all, make us, who are unworthy, worthy of this hour, lover of mankind; that being pure from all deceit and all hypocrisy, we may be united with one another by the bond of peace and love, being confirmed by the sanctification of Thy divine knowledge through Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy, and good, and quickening Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Let us stand well, let us stand reverently, let us stand in the fear of God, and with compunction of heart. In peace let us pray to the Lord!

Priest: For God of peace, mercy, love, compassion, and loving-kindness art Thou, and Thine only-begotten Son, and Thine all-holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: + Peace be to all.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Kiss of Peace

The Priest kisses the diskos, chalice and the edge of the Holy Table in front of him. Any concelebrants do the same.

Then the Priest veils the Holy Gifts with the aer.

If the Bishop is present, they kiss his hand and exchange the kiss of peace with each other on the shoulder. If there is more than one Deacon, they kiss each other's shoulder while standing on the soleas. They then pass the Peace to the people.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Priest (bowing):

Only Lord and merciful God, on those who are bowing their necks before Thy holy altar, and seeking the spiritual gifts that come from Thee, send forth Thy good grace; and bless us all with every spiritual blessing, that cannot be taken from us, Thou, who dwellest on high, and hast regard unto things that are lowly.

(aloud)

For worthy of praise and worship and most glorious is Thy all-holy name, Father and Son and Holy Spirit unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Deacon looks through the Royal Doors towards the Holy Table and chants:

Deacon: Master, bless!

Priest: The Lord shall + bless us, and minister with us all by His grace and loving-kindness.

The Lord shall + bless us, and make us worthy to stand at His holy altar, at all times unto the ages of ages.

And again: +Blessed be God, who blessed and sanctified us all in our attendance upon, and service of, His pure mysteries unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord!

People: Kyrie eleison!

The Deacon makes the Universal Litany:

The Third Litany

Deacon: Save us, have mercy upon us, pity and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the peace that is from above, and the loving-kindness of God, and the salvation of our souls; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, and the unity of all the holy churches of God; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For those who bear fruit, and who labour honorably in the holy churches of God; for those who remember the poor, the widows and the orphans, the strangers and needy ones; and for those who have requested us to mention them in our prayers; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For those who are in old age and infirmity, for the sick and suffering, and who are troubled by unclean spirits, for their speedy cure from God and their salvation; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For those who are passing their days in virginity, and celibacy, and discipline, and for those in holy matrimony; and for the holy fathers and brethren agonizing in mountains, and dens, and caves of the earth; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For Christians sailing, traveling, living among strangers, and for our brethren in captivity, in exile, in prison, and in bitter slavery, their peaceful return; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the remission of our sins, and forgiveness of our transgressions, and for our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and constraint, and uprising against us of enemies; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For favourable weather, peaceful showers, beneficent dews, abundance of fruits, the perfect close of a good season, and for the crown of the year; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For our fathers and brethren present, and praying with us in this holy hour, and at every season, their zeal, labour, and earnestness; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For every Christian soul in tribulation and distress, and needing the mercy and succour of God; for the return of the erring, the health of the sick, the deliverance of the captives, the rest of the fathers and brethren that have fallen asleep aforetime; Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: For the hearing and acceptance of our prayer before God, and the sending down on us His rich mercies and compassion. Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Let us commemorate our all-holy, pure, most glorious, blessed Lady, Mother of God, and Ever-Virgin Mary, and all the holy and just, that we may all find mercy through their prayers and intercessions. Let us beseech the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: And for the offered, precious, heavenly, unutterable, pure, glorious, dread, awful, divine gifts, and the salvation of the priest who stands by and offers them; Let us offer supplication to God the Lord.

People: Kyrie eleison! Kyrie eleison! Kyrie eleison!

The Priest signs the Holy Gifts and says softly:

Priest: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will among men, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. **(thrice)**

Lord, Thou wilt open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. **(thrice)**

Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that I may tell of Thy glory, of Thy majesty, all the day. **(Thrice)**

Of the +Father, and of the + Son, and of the + Holy Spirit. Amen.

Now and always, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

And bowing to this side and to that (to left and to right), he says (aloud and melodiously):

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

People (bowing and chanting in reply):

The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee.

Prayer for Forgiveness

Priest (softly):

O Sovereign Lord, who hast visited us in compassion and mercies, and hast freely given to us, Thy humble and sinful and unworthy servants, boldness to stand at Thy holy altar, and to offer Thee this dread and bloodless sacrifice for our sins, and for the errors of the people, look upon me Thy unprofitable servant, and blot out my transgressions for Thy compassion's sake; and purify my lips

and heart from all pollution of flesh and spirit; and remove from me every shameful and foolish thought, and fit me by the power of Thy all-holy Spirit for this service; and receive me graciously by Thy goodness as I draw nigh to Thy altar.

And be pleased, O Lord, that these gifts brought by our hands may be acceptable, stooping to my weakness; and cast me not away from Thy presence, and abhor not my unworthiness; but pity me according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy mercies pass by my transgressions, that, having come before Thy glory without condemnation, I may be counted worthy of the protection of Thy only-begotten Son, and of the illumination of Thy all-holy Spirit, that I may not be as a slave of sin cast out, but as Thy servant may find grace and mercy and forgiveness of sins before Thee, both in the world that now is and in that which is to come.

I beseech Thee, Almighty Sovereign, all-powerful Lord, hear my prayer; for Thou art he who workest all in all, and we all seek in all things the help and succour that come from Thee and Thy only-begotten Son, and the good and quickening and consubstantial Spirit unto the ages of ages.

Priest: O God, who through Thy great and unspeakable love didst send forth Thy Only-Begotten Son into the world, in order that He might turn back the lost sheep, turn not away us sinners, laying hold of Thee by this dread and bloodless sacrifice; for we trust not in our own righteousness, but in Thy good mercy, by which Thou purchasest our race.

We entreat and beseech Thy goodness that it may not be for condemnation to Thy people that this mystery for salvation has been administered by us, but for remission of sins, for renewal of souls and bodies, for the well-pleasing of Thee, God and Father, in the mercy and love of Thy only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy and good and quickening Spirit unto the ages of ages.

O Lord God, who didst create us, and bring us into life, who hast shown to us ways to salvation, who hast granted to us a revelation of heavenly mysteries, and hast appointed us to this ministry in the power of Thy all-holy Spirit, grant, O Sovereign, that we may become servants of Thy new testament, ministers of Thy pure mysteries, and receive us as we draw near to Thy holy altar, according to the greatness of Thy mercy, that we may become worthy of offering to Thee gifts and sacrifices for our transgressions and for those of the people; and grant to us, O Lord, with all fear and a pure conscience to offer to Thee this spiritual and bloodless sacrifice, and graciously receiving it unto Thy holy and spiritual altar above the skies for an odour of a sweet spiritual smell, send down in answer on us the grace of Thy all-holy Spirit.

And, O God, look upon us, and have regard to this our reasonable service, and accept it, as Thou didst accept the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah, the priestly offices of Moses and Aaron, the peace-offerings of Samuel, the repentance of David, the incense of Zacharias. As Thou didst accept from the hand of Thy apostles this true service, so accept also in Thy goodness from the hands of us sinners these offered gifts; and grant that our offering may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy

Spirit, as a propitiation for our transgressions and the errors of the people; and for the rest of the souls that have fallen asleep aforesaid; that we also, Thy humble, sinful, and unworthy servants, being counted worthy without guile to serve Thy holy altar, may receive the reward of faithful and wise stewards, and may find grace and mercy in the terrible day of Thy just and good retribution.

Prayer of the Veil

During the Prayer of the Veil, the Priest unveils the Holy Gifts (at the designated place)

Priest: We thank Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou hast given us boldness for the entrance of Thy holy places, which Thou hast renewed to us as a new and living way through the veil of the flesh of Thy Christ. We therefore, being counted worthy to enter into the place of the tabernacle of Thy glory, and to be within the veil, and to behold the Holy of Holies, cast ourselves down before Thy goodness.

Lord, have mercy on us: since we are full of fear and trembling, when about to stand at Thy holy altar, and to offer this dread and bloodless sacrifice for our own sins and for the errors of the people: send forth, O God, Thy good grace, and sanctify our souls, and bodies, and spirits; and turn our thoughts to holiness, that with a pure conscience we may bring to Thee a peace-offering, the sacrifice of praise:

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(aloud)

By the mercy and loving-kindness of Thy only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy, and good, and quickening Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: + Peace be to all.

People: And with Thy Spirit.

Deacon: Let us stand reverently, let us stand in the fear of God, and with contrition: let us attend to the Holy Communion service, to offer peace to God.

People: The offering of peace, the sacrifice of praise.

Priest (as he withdraws the veil from the oblation of bread and wine and uncovers the star from the diskos, kisses it and lays it aside to his left):

And, uncovering the veils that darkly invest in symbol this sacred ceremonial, do Thou reveal it clearly to us: fill our intellectual vision with absolute light, and having purified our poverty from every pollution of flesh and spirit, make it worthy of this dread and awful approach.

Ekphonesis

(aloud)

For Thou art an all-merciful and gracious God, and we send up the praise and the thanksgiving to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE ANAPHORA

The Priest comes through the Royal Doors, stands on the top of the soleas facing the people and exclaims:

+ The love of the Lord and Father, the grace of the Lord and Son, and the fellowship and the gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Priest resumes facing east, lifts his eyes and elevates his hands:

Priest: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Priest crosses his hands over his breast, bows toward the people and returns to the Holy Table:

The Royal Doors are closed.

The Preface

Priest (softly):

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty to praise Thee, to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to worship Thee, to glorify Thee, to give thanks to Thee, the Creator of all things visible and invisible; the treasury of eternal good, the fountain of life and immortality, God and Lord of all: Whom the heavens praise, the heaven of heavens and all the host of them; the sun, and the moon, and all the

choir of the stars; the earth, sea, and all that is in them; the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem, the Church of the first-born whose names are written in the heavens; the spirits of the righteous and of the prophets; the souls of the martyrs and apostles; angels, archangels, thrones, dominions, principalities, and authorities, and dread powers; and the many-eyed cherubim, and the six-winged seraphim, who with twain do cover the face and with twain do cover the feet and with twain do fly, crying one to the other with ceaseless voices and perpetual doxologies, singing the hymn of victory of Thine excellent glory, with clear voice shouting, glorifying, crying aloud and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

All: + Holy, Holy, Holy, O Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and the earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest!

+ Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Priest (making the sign of the Cross on the Holy Gifts):

Holy art Thou (+signs the diskos), O King of the ages, and Lord and giver of all holiness (+ signs the chalice); holy also Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom Thou hast made all things (+signs them both); holy also Thy Holy Spirit, which searches all things, even Thy deep things, O God: holy art Thou, almighty, all-powerful, good, dread, merciful, most compassionate to Thy creatures; who didst make man from earth after Thine own image and likeness; who didst give him the joy of paradise; and when he transgressed Thy commandment, and fell away, didst not disregard nor desert him, O Good One, but didst chasten him as at merciful father, call him by the law, instruct him by the prophets.

All glory and thanksgiving be to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; Who by His own oblation of Himself once offered, made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and didst institute, and in His Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that His precious death and sacrifice until His coming again.

The Institution Narrative

Then the Priest with great reverence softly says:

For, in the night in which He was betrayed, he took bread; (takes the holy bread from the diskos with his left hand and holds it slightly above the Holy Table) and when He had given thanks (+signs the holy bread, then puts it in his right hand holding it slightly aloft with the tips of the fingers of his right hand), he brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying,

Priest: Take, eat. This is My Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me.

Then lifting the chalice slightly, he says:

Likewise after supper He took the cup (+signs and breathes upon the chalice); and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying,

Priest: Drink ye all of this, for this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins (sets down the chalice reverently and carefully):

Do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of Me.

Priest (The Oblation):

Wherefore, O Lord, and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy Holy Gifts, which we now offer unto Thee, the memorial Thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance His blessed Passion and precious Death, His mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, and looking for His coming again with power and great glory.

Priest (Invocation/Epiklesis):

And we Thine unworthy servants beseech Thee, most merciful Father, to hear us, and to send Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that, being blessed and hallowed by His life-giving power, they become the + Body and +Blood of Thy most dearly beloved Son, to the end that all who shall receive the same may be sanctified both in body and soul, and preserved unto (+ signs both the Body and Blood) everlasting life.

And we earnestly desire Thy Fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.

And here we humbly offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Thee, beseeching Thee that all we who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us and we in Him.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning

our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord: by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Priest or Deacon shall say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and Everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle has taught us to make intercessions and to give thanks to all men: We humbly pray Thee most mercifully to receive these our supplications which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and Godly love.

We most humbly beseech Thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity:

The Deacon censes the Holy Table while the people quietly and repeatedly sing:

People: Remember, O Lord our God. [**The Priest raises his hands slightly and bows his head.**]

The Commemoration of the Living

And having bowed, he says: We present them to Thee also, O Lord, for the holy places, which Thou hast glorified by the divine appearing of Thy Christ, and by the visitation of Thy all-holy Spirit; especially for the glorious Zion, the mother of all the churches; and for Thy Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church throughout the world: even now, O Lord, bestow upon her the rich gifts of Thy all-holy Spirit.

Priest: Remember, O Lord, our holy fathers and brethren in it, and the bishops in all the world, who rightly divide the word of Thy truth.

Remember, O Lord our Metropolitan (or Bishop) _____, give him an honourable old age, preserve him for many years, shepherding Thy people in all piety and honour.

Remember also, O Lord, every city and country, and those of the true faith dwelling in them, their peace and security.

Remember, O Lord, Christians sailing, traveling, sojourning in strange lands; our fathers and brethren, who are in bonds, prison, captivity, and exile; who are in mines, and under torture, and in bitter slavery.

Remember, O Lord, the sick and afflicted, and those troubled by unclean spirits, their speedy healing from Thee, O God, and their salvation.

Remember, O Lord, every Christian soul in affliction and distress, needing Thy mercy and succour, O God; and the return of the erring.

Remember, O Lord, our fathers and brethren, toiling hard, and ministering unto us, for Thy holy name's sake.

Remember all, O Lord, for good: have mercy on all, O Lord, be reconciled to us all: give peace to the multitudes of Thy people: put away scandals: bring wars to an end: make the uprising of heresies to cease: grant Thy peace and Thy love to us, O God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Remember, O Lord, favourable weather, peaceful showers, beneficent dews, abundance of fruits, and to crown the year with Thy goodness; for the eyes of all wait on Thee, and Thou givest their food in due season: thou openest Thy hand, and fillest every living thing with gladness.

Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit, and labour honourably in the holy service of Thy Church; and those who forget not the poor, the widows, the orphans, the strangers, and the needy; and all who have desired us to remember them in our prayers. Moreover, O Lord, be pleased to remember those who have brought these offerings this day to Thy holy altar, and for what each one has brought them or with what mind, and those persons who have just now been mentioned to Thee.

Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercy and compassion, me also, Thy humble and unprofitable servant; and the deacons who surround Thy holy altar, and graciously give them a blameless life, keep their ministry undefiled, and purchase for them a good degree, that we may find mercy and grace, with all the saints that have been well pleasing to Thee since the world began, to generation and generation--grandsires, sires, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, teachers, saints, and every just spirit made perfect in the faith of Thy Christ.

Remember, O Lord, her of whom the Archangel's voice said:

Hail Mary, thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with Thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed the fruit of thy womb, for thou didst bear the Saviour of our souls.

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(aloud) Especially for our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady, the most blessed, glorious Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary.

As the Deacon again offers incense before the Holy Table, the people sing quietly:

People: Remember, O Lord our God.

The Commemoration of the Departed

The priest, bowing, says: Remember, O Lord God, the spirits and all flesh, of whom we have made mention, and of whom we have not made mention, who are of the true faith, from righteous Abel unto this day: unto them do Thou give rest there in the land of the living, in Thy kingdom, in the joy of paradise, in the bosom of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, our holy fathers; whence pain, and grief, and lamentation have fled: there the light of Thy countenance looks upon them, and enlightens them forever.

Make the end of our lives Christian, acceptable, blameless, and peaceful, O Lord, gathering us together, O Lord, under the feet of Thine elect, when Thou wilt, and as Thou wilt; only without shame and without iniquity.

The Priest continues:

Through Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ; for He alone has appeared upon earth without sin, through Whom both to us and to them in Thy goodness and love of mankind.

Prayer for Pardon

People: Forgive, remit, pardon, O God, our transgressions, voluntary and involuntary: in deed and in word: in knowledge and in ignorance: by night and by day: in thought and intent: in Thy goodness and love, forgive us them all. **Priest:** Through the grace and compassion and love of Thy only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed and glorified, together with the all-holy, and good, and quickening Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(aloud)

Make us worthy, O loving Lord, with boldness, without condemnation, in a pure heart, with a contrite spirit, with unashamed face, with sanctified lips, to dare to call upon Thee, the holy God, Father in heaven, and to say:

The Lord's Prayer

The People: +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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Priest, bowing, says (the Embolism):

And lead us not into temptation, Lord, God of Hosts, who knowest our frailty, but deliver us from the evil one and his works, and from all his malice and craftiness, for the sake of Thy holy name, which has been placed upon our humility:

(aloud)

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: + Peace be to all.

People: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest (softly): To Thee, O Lord, we Thy servants have bowed our heads before Thy holy altar, waiting for the rich mercies that are from Thee. Send forth upon us, O Lord, Thy plenteous grace and Thy blessing; and sanctify our souls, bodies, and spirits, that we may become worthy communicants and partakers of Thy holy mysteries, to the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting:

(aloud)

For Thou art worshipped and glorified, O our God, and Thine Only-Begotten Son, and Thy most Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The priest goes through the Royal Doors to the soleas and +blesses the people with upraised hands:

Priest: +May the grace and the mercies of the holy and consubstantial, and uncreated, and adorable Trinity, be with us all.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Priest returns to the Holy Table.

Deacon: In the fear of God, let us attend!

The Priest takes up the Holy Lamb with the finger tips of both hands, holds it slightly aloft and says this prayer:

Priest (softly): O holy Lord, that abidest in holy places, sanctify us by the word of Thy grace, and by the visitation of Thy all-holy Spirit: for Thou, O Lord, hast said, Ye will be holy, for I am holy. O Lord our God, incomprehensible Word of God, one in substance with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

co-eternal and indivisible, accept the pure hymn, in Thy holy and bloodless sacrifices; with the Cherubim, and Seraphim, and from me, a sinner, crying and saying:

(aloud) Holy things unto the Holy!

People: One only is Holy, one Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom are we, to the glory of God the Father.

Deacon: For the remission of our sins, and the propitiation of our souls, and for every soul in tribulation and distress, needing the mercy and succour of God, and for the return of the erring, the healing of the sick, the deliverance of the captives, the rest of our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep aforetime; Let us all fervently say:

People (twelve times): Kyrie eleison!

The Fraction and Commixture

The Priest reverently breaks the Holy Lamb into two parts, holding one half in his left hand, which he lays upon the diskos. The other in his right hand, he again breaks into two parts. He drops one portion into the Chalice quietly saying,

Priest: The union of the most holy Body and precious Blood of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As he divides the other particles on the diskos, he says,

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, Who taketh away the sin of the world, sacrificed for the life and salvation of the world.

He then breaks [subdivides] the remaining portions into small pieces, a sufficient number to communicate all receiving:

Priest: A holy portion of Christ, full of grace and truth, of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit, to Him be the glory and the power unto the ages of ages.

The Deacon presents the zeon (hot water) for the Priest to bless.

Deacon: Master, bless the warm water.

Priest: Blessed + is the fervour of Thy saints always unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Priest pours a little hot water Crosswise into the chalice:

Priest: The +fervour of faith, full of the Holy Spirit.

When the people finish singing Kyrie eleison, the Deacon facing east says:

Deacon: Master, bless.

Priest (lifting up his hands): May the Lord + bless us, and keep us without condemnation for the communion of His pure Gifts unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Master, bless.

Priest: May the Lord + bless us, and make us worthy with the pure touchings of our fingers to take the live coal, and place it upon the mouths of the faithful for the purification and renewal of their souls and bodies, unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Royal Doors are Opened

The Priest faces the people through the Royal Doors and exclaims:

Priest: Taste and see that the Lord is good; who is parted and not divided; distributed to the faithful, yet unconsumed; for the remission of sins, and the life everlasting unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: In the peace of Christ, let us sing:

The Communion Hymn

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia!

Priest: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this Holy Mystery to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

The Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom (said by those receiving Holy Communion)

All Communicants: I believe, O Lord, and confess, that Thou art in truth the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief; and I believe that the Holy Gifts before us are in truth Thy most holy Body and precious Blood.

Therefore, I pray Thee to have mercy upon me, and pardon my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary; in thought, word or deed; committed in knowledge or in ignorance;

And make me fit worthily to partake of Thy Divine Mysteries unto the remission of my sins and unto life everlasting, Amen.

Priest (softly): O Lord our God, the heavenly bread, the life of the universe, I have sinned against Heaven, and before Thee, and am not worthy to partake of Thy pure mysteries; but as a merciful God, make me worthy by Thy grace, without condemnation to partake of Thy holy body and precious blood, for the remission of sins, and life everlasting.

During the Communion of the Clergy, the Offerings of the people will be collected:

Communion of the Clergy

The Priest partakes of Communion and then distributes it to the other clergy. When each of the clergy receives the Body of Christ, the Bishop or Priest communicating the other says:

The Body of Christ!

And the communicant answers:

Amen.

When the Bishop or Priest communicates the clergy from the chalice, he says:

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of life!

And each answers:

Amen.

When all the clergy have communicated, the Deacon, standing on the right side of the Holy Table, says:

Deacon: Master, bless.

The Priest gives the chalice to the Deacon saying:

Priest: + Glory to God Who has sanctified and doth sanctify us all.

Deacon: Be Thou exalted, O God, over the heavens, and Thy glory over all the earth, and Thy kingdom endureth unto the ages of ages.

Priest: +Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, unto the ages of ages.

The Communion of the Faithful

The Priest takes the diskos with the Holy Lamb; the Deacon follows with the chalice. The Deacon shows the chalice to the people exclaiming:

Deacon: In the fear of God, and in faith and love, draw nigh.

People: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

The communion of the people begins:

Method* of receiving the Eucharist in Jerusalem as recorded by St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop of Jerusalem in his **Catechetical Lecture, XXIII, 21, 22:**

21. Approaching therefore, come not with thy wrists extended, or thy fingers open; but make thy left hand as if a throne for thy right, which is on the eve of receiving the King. And having hollowed thy palm, receive the Body of Christ, saying after it, **Amen.**

Then after thou hast with carefulness hallowed thine eyes by the touch of the Holy Body, partake thereof; giving heed lest thou lose any of it; for what thou lovest is a loss to thee as it were from one of thine own members. For tell me, if any one gave thee gold dust, wouldest thou not with all preparation keep it fast, being on thy guard against losing any of it and suffering loss? How much more cautiously then wilt thou observe that not a crumb falls from thee, of what is more precious than gold and precious stones?

22. Then after having partaken of the Body of Christ, approach also to the Cup of His Blood; not stretching forth thine hands, but bending and saying in the way of worship and reverence, **Amen**, be thou hallowed by partaking also of the Blood of Christ...

Accordingly, the people receive the Body of Christ, partake of it; and then receive the Blood of Christ from the Holy Chalice. The Body and Blood of Christ are distributed by the clergy in front of the Royal Doors. The Priest says The Body of Christ! when giving the Holy Lamb to the communicant; and the communicant replies Amen. Then the Deacon says The Blood of Christ, the Cup of life! and the communicant answers Amen. When the Bishop celebrates, he distributes the Body of Christ and the Priest, the Blood of Christ.

*Some may celebrate Communion by intincting the Lamb particle in the Holy Chalice and then placing it in the mouth (on the tongue) of the faithful as they stand before the Royal Doors. Others

may use the traditional method of communion with a spoon. In such cases, the Priest communicates the communicant saying The Body and Blood of Christ. The communicant answers Amen.

After all have communicated, the Priest +blesses the people:

Deacon: Master, bless.

Priest: + Save Thy people O God, and bless Thine inheritance. Glory to our God, who has sanctified us all.

The Thanksgiving

People: Having now received the precious Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks to our Lord God, Who hath graciously vouchsafed to admit us to the participation of his Holy Mysteries; and let us beg of Him grace to perform our vows, and to persevere in our good resolutions; and that being made holy, we may obtain everlasting life, through the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The clergy enter the sanctuary and place the Holy Vessels upon the Holy Table. The Priest puts the remaining particles of the Holy Lamb into the Holy Chalice and wipes the diskos as usual. He then censes the Holy Gifts saying:

The Prayer of Incense at the Last Entrance

Priest: We render thanks to Thee, the Saviour and God of all, for all the good things Thou hast given us, and for the participation of Thy holy and pure mysteries, and we offer to Thee this incense, praying: Keep us under the shadow of Thy wings, and count us worthy till our last breath to partake of Thy holy rites for the sanctification of our souls and bodies, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven: for Thou, O God, art our sanctification, and we send up praise and thanksgiving to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Priest covers the Holy Gifts and brings forth the Holy Chalice for the final time [signifying the Ascension of the Lord and His last appearance to the Disciples] blessing the faithful with it saying:

Priest: +Blessed is our God (and then aloud) Always: now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The faithful bow reverently. He then gives it to one of the clergy who takes the Holy Gifts from the Holy Table to the Table of Prothesis. In the absence of other clergy, the Priest takes them to the Table of Prothesis. After enough for the communion of any sick are removed, the remainder shall all be consumed and the vessels thoroughly and reverently abluted.

The Priest folds the antimimension and holds the Holy Gospel Book upright making the sign of the Cross+ over the antimimension.

The Litany of the Consummation

Deacon: Glory to Thee, glory to Thee, glory to Thee, O Christ the King, only-begotten Word of the Father, that Thou hast counted us, Thy sinful and unworthy servants, worthy to enjoy thy pure mysteries for the remission of sins, and for life everlasting: glory to Thee!

Deacon: Again and again, and at all times, in peace, let us beseech the Lord!

People: Kyrie elesion!

Deacon: That the participation of His sanctification may be to us for the turning away from every evil deed, for provision for the journey to life everlasting and for the communion and gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: Kyrie eleison!

Deacon: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most glorious, blessed Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, and all the saints that have been well-pleasing to Thee since the world began, let us devote ourselves, and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To Thee, O Lord!

While the Deacon is chanting the above final litany, the Priest prays:

Prayer for Protection

Priest: O God, who through Thy great and unspeakable love didst condescend to the weakness of Thy servants, and hast counted us worthy to partake of this heavenly table, condemn not us sinners for the participation of Thy pure mysteries; but keep us, O good One, in the sanctification of Thy Holy Spirit, that being made holy, we may find part and inheritance with all Thy saints that have been well-pleasing to Thee since the world began, in the light of Thy countenance, through the mercy of Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Ekphonesis

(aloud)

For blessed and glorified is Thy all-precious and glorious name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: +Peace be to all.

People: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O God, great and marvelous, look upon Thy servants, for we have bowed our heads to Thee. Stretch forth Thy hand, strong and full of blessings, and bless Thy people. Keep Thine inheritance, that always and at all times we may glorify Thee, our only living and true God, the holy and consubstantial Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Ekphonesis

(aloud)

For unto Thee is becoming and is due praise from us all, and honour, and adoration, and thanksgiving, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: In the peace of Christ let us depart.

The Bishop or Priest comes out through the Royal Doors, stands in the midst of the people and says the following prayer facing east:

Prayer of Dismissal

Deacon: From glory to glory advancing, we hymn Thee, the Saviour of our souls. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. We hymn Thee, the Saviour of our souls.

Priest: From might to might advancing, and having fulfilled all the Divine Mysteries in Thy temple, even now we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, make us worthy of perfect loving-kindness; make straight our path: root us in Thy fear, and make us worthy of the heavenly kingdom, in Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom is due glory, honour and dominion together with Thy Holy Spirit unto the ages of ages.

Priest: The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the +blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Priest stands in front of the Royal Doors holding the hand cross, and the people come forward to venerate the Cross and receive some of the Antidoran.

Afterwards, the Deacon shall exclaim:

Deacon: Thou are dismissed in peace!

The Recessional of Saint James

From glory unto glory
Advancing on the way,
We hymn Thee, Christ our Saviour,
Our soul's eternal Stay;
From strength to strength advancing,
As from Thine House we go,
We pray Thee in our weakness,
Thy perfect strength to show.
Direct our ways before Thee,
Preserve us in Thy love,
And grant us through Thy mercy,
Thy heavenly realm above.
From glory unto glory,
Advancing on our way,
We hymn Thee, Christ our Saviour,
Our soul's eternal Stay.