

Ecumenical Rites

Ecumenical Protestant Church in America



A separate liturgical PDF prepared for clergy, catechists, servers, missions, and lay study. This text is arranged for practical use with clear rubrics, prayers, and responses in dignified Prayer Book English.

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Rubric. Ecumenical rites are used for joint prayer, Christian unity, study, mission, and reconciliation, without compromising EPCA doctrine.

Prayer for Christian Unity

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, unite Thy people in the truth of Thy Word, the confession of Christ, and charity toward one another. Heal divisions where they may be healed without falsehood, and teach all Christians humility before Thy Gospel. Amen.

Joint Service of the Word

A hymn or Psalm is sung. Scripture is read. A sermon or exhortation may be given. The Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer may be said. Intercessions are offered for the Church and the world.

Reception of Christians from Other Communion

Minister. Dost thou confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and desire to walk with this Church in faith, worship, and charity?

Candidate. I do, by God's help.

The minister prays for steadfast faith, peace, and unity in Christ.