



The
Anglican Missal

The Holy Mass

According to the Use of the
**ECUMENICAL PROTESTANT
CHURCH IN AMERICA**

With Full Texts and Extensive Rubrics
For Priests, Deacons, Servers, and People



To the Glory of God
and the Honor of Christ the King

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Prepared as an Anglican Missal Use of the Holy Eucharist for EPCA parishes, missions, chaplaincies, and domestic worship settings, retaining Western ceremonial beauty while confessing the evangelical doctrine of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice, Holy Scripture as supreme written authority, and Jesus Christ as the only Mediator and Advocate.

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Doctrinal Preface

This Mass is the Holy Eucharist of the Church. It is a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, a memorial and proclamation of the one oblation of Jesus Christ once offered upon the Cross, and a true sacramental communion in His Body and Blood received by faith. It is not a repetition of Calvary, not an additional propitiatory sacrifice, and not a work by which human merit purchases grace.

The Ecumenical Protestant Church in America receives the Anglican Missal tradition as a ceremonial and devotional inheritance, but all its prayers are interpreted and, where necessary, revised according to Holy Scripture, the ancient Creeds, the Gospel of grace, justification by grace through faith, and the sole mediation of Jesus Christ.

The Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints may be honored as witnesses of Christ and members of the communion of the faithful. They are not invoked as mediators. All prayer is addressed to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ceremonial Principle

Beauty serves truth. Vestments, incense, candles, chant, ceremonial bows, altar customs, and liturgical gestures are retained to glorify God, teach the faithful, and reverently proclaim the Gospel. They do not possess saving power in themselves.

General Ceremonial Rubrics

For the Priest

The priest shall celebrate with reverence, doctrinal clarity, and pastoral charity. He shall not hurry the sacred rites. He shall speak the people's parts loudly enough when needed, observe silence where appointed, and make all manual acts deliberately but without theatrical exaggeration. He shall remember that he is a minister of Word and Sacrament, not the source of grace.

For the Deacon

The deacon, when present, proclaims the Gospel, leads appointed litanies, prepares and orders the altar with the priest, assists with the chalice, directs servers, and dismisses the people. The deacon should chant or speak clearly and face the people when addressing them.

For the Subdeacon

The subdeacon, when present, reads the Epistle, assists with the book, chalice, cruets, lavabo, paten, and ceremonial order. In solemn use, the subdeacon carries the Gospel Book in procession as directed and assists the deacon at the altar.

For Servers

Servers carry cross, candles, thurible, incense boat, cruets, lavabo bowl, towel, altar book, bells, and communion vessels as assigned. They move quietly, bow together, avoid idle conversation, and keep their eyes on the celebrant or master of ceremonies.

For the Choir and People

The choir leads the chant but does not replace the congregation. The people stand, sit, kneel, bow, sing, respond, and receive Communion as instructed. They should participate audibly in the ordinary responses, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Confession, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and post-communion prayer.

Usual Postures

Moment	Posture
Entrance and Introit	Stand
Confession and Absolution	Kneel or bow
Kyrie and Gloria	Stand
Lessons	Sit for Epistle; stand for Gospel

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Creed	Stand; bow at the Incarnation
Offertory	Sit or stand according to custom
Sursum Corda through Sanctus	Stand
Eucharistic Prayer	Kneel or stand in solemn reverence
Lord's Prayer and Fraction	Stand or kneel according to custom
Communion	Approach reverently; kneel or stand
Blessing and Dismissal	Kneel for blessing; stand for dismissal

The Order of Mass

The Entrance

Rubic. A hymn, psalm, or appointed Introit may be sung. The cross leads, then candle bearers, choir, servers, subdeacon, deacon, and priest. Incense may be used. The priest bows to the altar, kisses it, and goes to the foot of the altar or sedilia according to local custom.

Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

People: Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Priest: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Collect for Purity

Rubic. The priest may say this at the altar or at the foot of the altar. The people may join.

Priest and People: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are 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. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Rubic. On penitential days the Decalogue may be used. Otherwise the Summary of the Law follows.

Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

The Confession

Rubic. The priest and people kneel or bow. The priest may invite confession with these or similar words.

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Priest and People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Rubic. The priest stands and, facing the people, pronounces the Gospel absolution. He does not claim forgiveness from himself but declares the mercy of God in Christ.

Priest: Almighty God, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Rubric. The priest may read one or more of the following sentences, especially where the confession has been made.

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to Him: Come unto Me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith: This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins.

Introit

Rubric. The appointed Introit, psalm verse, and Gloria Patri may be sung. The priest reads it quietly if it is sung by the choir.

Choir or People: The appointed Introit of the day is sung or said.

Kyrie Eleison

Rubric. The Kyrie may be sung in Greek or English. In simple use the threefold form may be used; in solemn use the ninefold form may be used.

Priest or Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest or Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest or Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Rubric. The Gloria is sung or said on Sundays and feasts, except in Advent, Lent, Requiems, and penitential Masses unless appointed. All stand.

Priest: Glory be to God on high,

People: And in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Rubric. The priest kisses the altar, turns to the people, and sings or says the salutation. The people stand.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Rubric. The appointed Collect of the day is said. If no proper collect is appointed, the following may be used.

Priest: O God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle

Rubric. The people sit. In solemn Mass the subdeacon chants the Epistle. In simple use a reader may read from a lectern.

Reader: The Epistle is written in the _____ chapter of _____, beginning at the _____ verse.

Rubric. The appointed Epistle is read.

Reader: Here endeth the Epistle.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual, Alleluia, Tract, or Sequence

Rubric. The appointed gradual psalm, Alleluia, tract, or sequence may be sung. During Lent the Alleluia is omitted and a tract may be used. During Eastertide additional Alleluias may be added.

Choir or People: The appointed psalm or acclamation is sung.

The Gospel

Rubric. The people stand. Candles and incense may accompany the Gospel. In solemn use, the deacon receives the blessing of the priest before proclaiming the Gospel.

Deacon or Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel is written in the _____ chapter of the Gospel according to Saint _____.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Rubric. The Gospel is read or chanted. The people listen attentively. The book may be kissed after the reading.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rubric. The people sit. The sermon shall expound Holy Scripture, proclaim Christ crucified and risen, call the faithful to repentance and faith, and conform to the doctrine of the EPCA. It shall not teach any mediation apart from Christ, any repetition of Calvary, or any doctrine contrary to the Gospel of grace.

Preacher: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

Rubric. The people stand. At the words concerning the Incarnation, all bow; on Christmas and the Annunciation, kneeling may be used.

Priest and 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 only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

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

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

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

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe 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.

The Offertory

Rubric. The people sit or stand according to local custom. The altar is prepared. The offerings of bread, wine, alms, and other gifts may be brought forward. Incense may be used. The priest washes his hands as a sign of inner purification.

Offertory Sentence

Priest: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Rubric. Other biblical offertory sentences may be used according to the day.

Offering of the Bread

Priest: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of all creation, for of Thy bounty we have received this bread, which we offer unto Thee: fruit of the earth and work of human hands. May it become for us the communion of the Body of Christ.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Mixing of the Chalice

Rubric. The priest or deacon pours wine into the chalice and adds a little water. This signifies the water and blood from the side of Christ and the union of Christ with His people.

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

Offering of the Chalice

Priest: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of all creation, for of Thy bounty we have received this cup: fruit of the vine and work of human hands. May it become for us the communion of the Blood of Christ.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Lavabo

Rubric. The priest washes his fingers. A server pours water over the fingers and presents the towel.

Priest: Wash me, O Lord, from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Orate Fratres

Rubric. The priest turns to the people.

Priest: Pray, brethren, that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this offering at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit, and to the good of all His holy Church.

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

Rubric. The priest may stand at the altar or turn slightly toward the people. The people kneel or stand.

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

Almighty and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy divine Majesty;

beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord.

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 beseech Thee also to save and defend all civil authorities, and to grant them wisdom, justice, and mercy, that under them Thy people may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Archbishop Andrew Michael, to all bishops, priests, deacons, minor orders, catechists, ministers, missionaries, and faithful people of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments.

And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

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

We remember before Thee all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, beseeching Thee to grant us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sursum Corda

Rubic. The people stand. The priest faces the people.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Preface

Rubic. The Proper Preface of the season or feast may be inserted. If none is appointed, the following common preface is used.

Priest: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who by His one oblation of Himself once offered made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute this holy Sacrament to be the perpetual memorial of His precious death until His coming again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Rubic. Bells may be rung. Incense may be offered. The people sing or say the Sanctus.

Priest and People: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Rubic. The people kneel or stand in solemn reverence. The priest prays audibly. Manual acts should be visible but restrained. The priest takes the bread and cup at the appointed words.

Priest: All glory 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 made there, by His one oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice until His coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee; and grant that by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

Rubic. The priest takes the bread into his hands.

Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

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

Rubic. The priest lays the consecrated Bread upon the paten and may genuflect or bow profoundly.

Rubic. The priest takes the chalice into his hands.

Likewise, after supper, He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

Drink ye all of this; for this is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Rubic. The priest lays the chalice upon the corporal and may genuflect or bow profoundly.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before Thy divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, the memorial Thy Son hath commanded us to make: remembering His blessed Passion and precious Death, His mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension, and looking for His coming again.

And we offer unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we are 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 offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: Amen.

Doctrinal Rubric on the Eucharistic Prayer

The words "sacrifice," "oblation," and "offering" in this rite refer to Christ's once-for-all sacrifice made upon the Cross, sacramentally remembered and proclaimed, and to the Church's sacrifice of praise, thanksgiving, self-offering, alms, and obedient faith. They do not mean that Christ is newly slain, newly offered for sin, or that the priest adds to the finished work of redemption.

The Lord's Prayer

Rubic. The priest introduces the prayer. The people join.

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Priest and 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. Amen.

The Fraction

Rubic. The priest breaks the consecrated Bread reverently. Silence may be kept.

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Rubic. The people kneel or stand. The Agnus Dei may be sung during the Fraction.

Priest and People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

Rubic. The priest and people say together.

Priest and People: We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Rubric. The priest turns toward the people, holding or indicating the consecrated elements.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion of the Priest and Ministers

Rubric. The priest receives first, then deacon, subdeacon, servers, choir, and people according to local order. The priest may say the following quietly before receiving.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Ghost hast by Thy death given life unto the world: deliver me, by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all mine iniquities and from every evil; make me always obedient to Thy commandments; and suffer me never to be separated from Thee. Amen.

Communion of the People

Rubric. Baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, repent of their sins, and seek to live in charity with their neighbors may receive according to EPCA discipline. The people approach reverently. They may kneel at the rail or stand according to local custom.

Priest, giving the Bread: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Communicant: Amen.

Priest or Deacon, giving the Cup: The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Communicant: Amen.

Rubric. During Communion, psalms, hymns, anthems, or silence may be kept. The choir should not choose music that prevents prayerful reception.

After Communion

Ablutions

Rubric. The priest purifies the vessels reverently. Servers bring water and, if customary, wine and water. The people may sit or kneel in silent thanksgiving.

Priest, quietly: Grant, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth we may receive with a pure heart; and that this temporal gift may become unto us an everlasting remedy.

Priest, quietly: May Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave unto my inward parts; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, whom these holy mysteries have refreshed; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Rubric. The people stand. The priest says the appointed Postcommunion of the day. If none is appointed, the following is used.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favor and goodness toward us. Grant that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Rubric. The people kneel or bow for the blessing. The priest blesses the people with the sign of the Cross.

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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

Rubric. The deacon, if present, sings or says the dismissal. During penitential seasons a simpler dismissal may be used.

Deacon or Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel

Rubric. The Last Gospel may be read on Sundays, feasts, and solemn occasions. The people stand. At "the Word was made flesh," all genuflect or bow profoundly.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Priest: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

Extensive Practical Rubrics

Low Mass

At Low Mass the priest may say all parts not assigned to a deacon, subdeacon, choir, or reader. Servers make the responses. Incense is normally omitted. The people may answer with the servers where local custom encourages congregational participation.

Sung Mass

At Sung Mass the Introit, Kyrie, Gloria, Gradual, Alleluia or Tract, Creed, Offertory hymn or antiphon, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Communion, and dismissal may be sung. The priest may chant the Collect, Gospel if no deacon is present, Preface, Lord's Prayer, and blessing.

Solemn Mass

At Solemn Mass the deacon proclaims the Gospel, assists at the chalice, leads the dismissal, and helps direct the people. The subdeacon reads the Epistle and assists with the book, vessels, and processions. Incense may be used at the entrance, Gospel, offertory, Sanctus, elevations, and recessional.

Incense

Incense symbolizes prayer rising before God and the sanctification of the people. The altar, Gospel, gifts, priest, ministers, choir, and people may be censed. The thurifer should present the thurible steadily and avoid excessive smoke in small spaces.

Bells

Bells may be rung at the Sanctus, at the words of institution, and before Communion. They are signals for attention and reverence, not magical acts.

Genuflections and Bows

Genuflection may be used before the consecrated elements and before the tabernacle if the Sacrament is reserved. A profound bow may be used instead where genuflection is not customary or not physically possible.

Participation of the People

The people should be instructed before Mass where necessary. They should sing the ordinary responses, pray the Confession and Creed, join the Sanctus and Agnus Dei, pray the Lord's Prayer, come forward reverently for Communion, and remain in thanksgiving after receiving.

Children

Children should be welcomed and taught to make simple responses, bow, stand, kneel, and receive blessing or Communion according to EPCA pastoral discipline. Their participation is part of catechesis.

Online or Mission Use

Where Mass is livestreamed, remote participants may pray, hear the Word, make spiritual communion, and join the responses. Remote viewing does not replace sacramental reception except where pastoral provision is made by competent ecclesiastical authority.

Common Prayers after Mass

The following prayers may be used after Mass by priest, servers, choir, and people. They are arranged in an Anglican Missal devotional style and revised for EPCA doctrine. They may be said at the altar, in the sacristy, or privately.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Priest and People: Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank Thee for feeding us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. We praise Thee for Thy mercy, we bless Thee for Thy grace, and we ask Thee to keep us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and fervent in charity; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, refresh me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the evil enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come unto Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer before a Crucifix

Behold, O good and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon Thy mercy. I remember Thy Cross, Thy wounds, Thy precious Blood, and Thy love for sinners. Kindle in me lively faith, firm hope, and burning charity, with true repentance for my sins and a steadfast purpose to walk in Thy commandments; for Thou livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the Church

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve Thy Church in the truth of Thy Word, the purity of the Gospel, the right administration of the Sacraments, and the beauty of holiness. Bless the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, Archbishop Andrew Michael, all clergy and ministers, and all faithful people. Make us humble, holy, courageous, and merciful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst command Thy Church to make disciples of all nations: send us forth in the power of Thy Spirit to preach the Gospel, teach the faith, baptize believers and their households, feed Thy people at Thy Table, and serve the poor, the sick, and the forgotten. Let our worship become mission and our doctrine become charity. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that Thou art truly present to Thy faithful people in the Holy Communion according to Thy promise. When I cannot receive sacramentally, unite me to Thyself by faith, awaken in me repentance and love, and make me hunger for the heavenly banquet of Thy Kingdom. Amen.

Psalm of Praise

Praise God in His holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him in His noble acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Marian Memorial in EPCA Form

Rubric. This memorial honors Mary as Theotokos and model disciple without invoking her as mediator.

Blessed art thou among women, O Mary, Mother of our Lord according to the flesh, for the Mighty One hath done great things through thee, and holy is His Name. Grant, O Lord, that we may follow the humility, faith, and obedience shown in Thy servant Mary, and magnify Christ alone as Savior; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael Prayer in EPCA Form

O God of hosts, who sendest Thy holy angels to minister for those who shall inherit salvation: defend Thy Church from the snares of the devil, strengthen us against temptation, and keep us under the victory of Jesus Christ, who hath conquered sin, death, and hell; to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Final Thanksgiving

Glory be to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, for Thou hast fed us with Thy Word and Sacrament. Keep us in Thy peace, send us in Thy love, and bring us at last to the feast that hath no end. Amen.

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Archbishop
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