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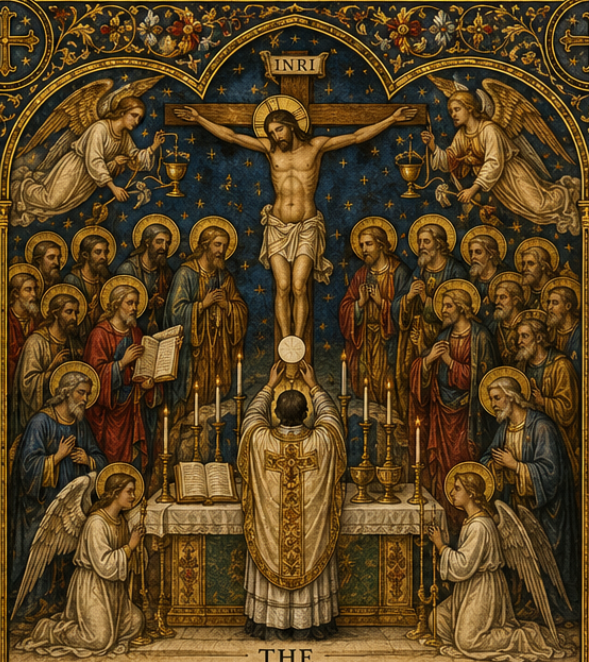


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and Administration of the Sacraments, Rites, and Reformation Liturgies

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Master Reformation and Liturgical Committee Edition

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Preface of the Liturgical Committee

The present book is set forth as a full and ordered manual of common prayer for the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America. It hath been composed as a committee edition, as though many doctors of sacred liturgy, worship, historical theology, biblical studies, and pastoral ministry had laboured together at one table, seeking neither novelty for its own sake nor antiquity without discernment, but the beauty of holiness governed by the Word of God.

The Church receiveth the ancient inheritance of Christian worship, the classical Prayer Book tradition, the riches of the evangelical Reformation, and the devout ceremonial of the Western and Protestant catholic uses. Yet all these are received as servants, not masters. Holy Scripture remaineth the supreme written rule; the ancient Creeds confess the catholic faith; the Gospel of Jesus Christ governeth the sacraments; and the people of God are to be edified in a language they understand.

This book therefore containeth not only the ordinary offices and rites, but also the liturgical texts of the chief Protestant Reformers, newly rendered and adapted into dignified English for ecclesiastical use: Luther's Latin Mass and German Mass, Calvin's Genevan services, Zwingli's Zurich forms, Cranmer's Prayer Book offices, Bucer's Strasbourg order, Knox's Scottish order, Heidelberg and Dutch Reformed forms, with extensive rubrics for priest, deacon, servers, catechists, sponsors, and people.

***Rubric.** No minister shall treat this book as a private possession or a theater of personal taste. The prayers belong to the Church; the rites serve Christ; the ceremonies must be done decently, intelligibly, and in order.*

Doctrinal Rule of Worship

Holy Scripture

Holy Scripture is the supreme written authority for doctrine, worship, morals, and discipline. Every rite, prayer, ceremony, and pastoral act in this book is to be read under the judgment of the Word of God. Where custom and Scripture seem to conflict, custom yieldeth to Scripture.

The Gospel

The Church proclaimeth that sinners are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of merit, ceremonies, indulgences, human mediation, or ecclesiastical power. Good works follow as the fruit of faith and the work of the Holy Ghost.

The Sacraments

Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist are the two dominical sacraments instituted by Christ. Confirmation, Matrimony, Ordination, Reconciliation, Anointing, and other blessings are sacred ecclesiastical rites, not rivals to the Gospel.

The Holy Eucharist

The Eucharist is the Church's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, the memorial commanded by Christ, and a true sacramental communion in His Body and Blood, received by faith. It is not a new propitiatory sacrifice, nor a repetition of Calvary, for Christ was once offered for the sins of the world.

The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints

The Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured as Theotokos in the Christological sense and as the blessed mother of our Lord according to the flesh. The saints are honoured as witnesses and examples. Yet all saving mediation, prayer, worship, and trust are directed to God alone through Jesus Christ, the only Mediator and Advocate.

Rubric. If any phrase in a historical source seem to imply a doctrine contrary to this rule, it shall be interpreted, corrected, or omitted according to the doctrine of the EPCA.

General Rubrics and Ceremonial Directory

For the Priest

The priest shall prepare by prayer, be vested decently, preside with reverence, preach the Word faithfully, administer the sacraments according to Christ's institution, and avoid haste, vanity, or theatricality. He shall speak aloud where the people must hear, and softly only where a private devotion is clearly appointed.

For the Deacon

The deacon proclaimeth the Gospel, leadeth the litanies, directeth the people, prepareth the altar when appointed, careth for the poor, and assisteth the priest. The deacon shall not draw attention to himself, but shall make the people's participation orderly and clear.

For Readers and Catechists

Readers shall proclaim the lessons distinctly and with understanding. Catechists shall teach the faith from Holy Scripture, the Creeds, the Catechism, and the doctrine of the Church.

For Servers

Servers shall carry cross, lights, book, cruets, thurible, lavabo, towel, vessels, and other instruments as appointed. They shall move with silence and discipline, bow at the Holy Name, and never chatter in the sanctuary.

For the People

The faithful are not spectators but the worshiping Body of Christ. They shall stand, kneel, sit, bow, sing, answer, listen, confess, pray, receive, and go forth according to the rubrics and local custom.

Ceremonies Retained

The Church may retain vestments, lights, cross, procession, incense, bells, kneeling, bowing, signing with the Cross, liturgical colours, chant, antiphons, psalmody, holy water as a remembrance of Baptism, oil for anointing, and sacred images as instruction.

Ceremonies Reformed or Omitted

The Church omitteth invocation of saints as mediators, indulgenced prayers, compulsory private devotions, superstitious uses of sacramentals, any adoration of images, and any Eucharistic language implying a new sacrifice for sin.

The Liturgical Calendar and Readings through the Year

The Church year rehearseth the mystery of Christ: Advent expectation, Christmas incarnation, Epiphany manifestation, Lent repentance, Holy Week passion, Easter resurrection, Ascension exaltation, Pentecost mission, Trinity confession, and the long season of growth in doctrine and charity.

Rubric. The appointed readings may be used at Mass, Matins, Evensong, or family prayer. Where a fuller lectionary is desired, the Archbishop may appoint a daily lectionary. The following table giveth a complete Sunday and feast cycle with Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel.

Day	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Advent I	Isa. 2:1-5	Ps. 122	Rom. 13:8-14	Matt. 21:1-13
Advent II	Isa. 11:1-10	Ps. 72	Rom. 15:4-13	Luke 21:25-33
Advent III	Isa. 35:1-10	Ps. 146	1 Cor. 4:1-5	Matt. 11:2-10
Advent IV	Mic. 5:2-5	Ps. 80	Phil. 4:4-7	John 1:19-28
Christmas	Isa. 9:2-7	Ps. 96	Heb. 1:1-12	John 1:1-14
Holy Name	Num. 6:22-27	Ps. 8	Gal. 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
Epiphany	Isa. 60:1-6	Ps. 72	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
Baptism of Our Lord	Isa. 42:1-9	Ps. 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matt. 3:13-17
Septuagesima	Jer. 1:4-10	Ps. 71	1 Cor. 9:24-27	Matt. 20:1-16
Sexagesima	Isa. 55:6-11	Ps. 119:9-16	2 Cor. 11:19-31	Luke 8:4-15
Quinquagesima	1 Sam. 16:1-13	Ps. 31	1 Cor. 13	Luke 18:31-43
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Ps. 51	2 Cor. 5:20-6:10	Matt. 6:1-21
Lent 1	Gen. 2:15-17	Ps. 32	Rom. 5:12-19	Matt. 4:1-11
Lent 2	Gen. 12:1-9	Ps. 121	Rom. 4:1-5	John 3:1-17
Lent 3	Ex. 17:1-7	Ps. 95	Rom. 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Lent 4	1 Sam. 16:1-13	Ps. 23	Eph. 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Lent 5	Ezek. 37:1-14	Ps. 130	Rom. 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Palm Sunday	Zech. 9:9-12	Ps. 118	Phil. 2:5-11	Matt. 27:1-54
Maundy Thursday	Ex. 12:1-14	Ps. 116	1 Cor. 11:23-29	John 13:1-15
Good Friday	Isa. 52:13-53:12	Ps. 22	Heb. 10:1-25	John 18-19
Easter Day	Ex. 14:10-31	Ps. 118	Col. 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
Ascension	Dan. 7:9-14	Ps. 47	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:44-53
Pentecost	Joel 2:28-32	Ps. 104	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:15-31
Trinity	Isa. 6:1-8	Ps. 29	Rev. 4:1-11	John 3:1-15
Trinity 1	Prov. 1:1-10	Ps. 4	Rom. 1:1-17	Mark. 1:1-20
Trinity 2	Prov. 2:1-10	Ps. 7	Rom. 2:1-17	Luke. 2:1-20
Trinity 3	Prov. 3:1-10	Ps. 10	Rom. 3:1-17	John. 3:1-20
Trinity 4	Prov. 4:1-10	Ps. 13	Rom. 4:1-17	Matt. 4:1-20
Trinity 5	Prov. 5:1-10	Ps. 16	Rom. 5:1-17	Mark. 5:1-20
Trinity 6	Prov. 6:1-10	Ps. 19	Rom. 6:1-17	Luke. 6:1-20
Trinity 7	Prov. 7:1-10	Ps. 22	Rom. 7:1-17	John. 7:1-20
Trinity 8	Prov. 8:1-10	Ps. 25	Rom. 8:1-17	Matt. 8:1-20
Trinity 9	Prov. 9:1-10	Ps. 28	Rom. 9:1-17	Mark. 9:1-20
Trinity 10	Prov. 1:1-10	Ps. 31	Rom. 10:1-17	Luke. 10:1-20
Trinity 11	Prov. 2:1-10	Ps. 34	Rom. 11:1-17	John. 11:1-20
Trinity 12	Prov. 3:1-10	Ps. 37	Rom. 12:1-17	Matt. 12:1-20
Trinity 13	Prov. 4:1-10	Ps. 40	Rom. 1:1-17	Mark. 13:1-20

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Trinity 14	Prov. 5:1-10	Ps. 43	Rom. 2:1-17	Luke. 14:1-20
Trinity 15	Prov. 6:1-10	Ps. 46	Rom. 3:1-17	John. 15:1-20
Trinity 16	Prov. 7:1-10	Ps. 49	Rom. 4:1-17	Matt. 16:1-20
Trinity 17	Prov. 8:1-10	Ps. 52	Rom. 5:1-17	Mark. 17:1-20
Trinity 18	Prov. 9:1-10	Ps. 55	Rom. 6:1-17	Luke. 18:1-20
Trinity 19	Prov. 1:1-10	Ps. 58	Rom. 7:1-17	John. 1:1-20
Trinity 20	Prov. 2:1-10	Ps. 61	Rom. 8:1-17	Matt. 2:1-20
Trinity 21	Prov. 3:1-10	Ps. 64	Rom. 9:1-17	Mark. 3:1-20
Trinity 22	Prov. 4:1-10	Ps. 67	Rom. 10:1-17	Luke. 4:1-20
Trinity 23	Prov. 5:1-10	Ps. 70	Rom. 11:1-17	John. 5:1-20
Trinity 24	Prov. 6:1-10	Ps. 3	Rom. 12:1-17	Matt. 6:1-20
Trinity 25	Prov. 7:1-10	Ps. 6	Rom. 1:1-17	Mark. 7:1-20
Trinity 26	Prov. 8:1-10	Ps. 9	Rom. 2:1-17	Luke. 8:1-20
All Saints	Wis. 3:1-9	Ps. 149	Rev. 7:9-17	Matt. 5:1-12
Reformation Day	2 Kings 22:8-13	Ps. 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36
Christ the King	Dan. 7:9-14	Ps. 93	Col. 1:11-20	John 18:33-37
For Missions	Isa. 49:1-6	Ps. 67	Rom. 10:8-17	Matt. 28:16-20

Daily Scripture Readings throughout the Year

For daily use, the following monthly table appointeth a simple two-lesson pattern. The first lesson is ordinarily from the Old Testament or Apocrypha, and the second from the New Testament. The Psalms are read in course, five psalms daily where possible, or fewer in mission use.

January

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Genesis 1	Matthew 1	Psalm 1	John 5
2	Genesis 2	Matthew 2	Psalm 2	John 6
3	Genesis 3	Matthew 3	Psalm 3	John 7
4	Genesis 4	Matthew 4	Psalm 4	John 8
5	Genesis 5	Matthew 5	Psalm 5	John 9
6	Genesis 6	Matthew 6	Psalm 6	John 10
7	Genesis 7	Matthew 7	Psalm 7	John 11
8	Genesis 8	Matthew 8	Psalm 8	John 12
9	Genesis 9	Matthew 9	Psalm 9	John 13
10	Genesis 10	Matthew 10	Psalm 10	John 14
11	Genesis 11	Matthew 11	Psalm 11	John 15
12	Genesis 12	Matthew 12	Psalm 12	John 16
13	Genesis 13	Matthew 13	Psalm 13	John 1
14	Genesis 14	Matthew 14	Psalm 14	John 2
15	Genesis 15	Matthew 15	Psalm 15	John 3
16	Genesis 16	Matthew 16	Psalm 16	John 4
17	Genesis 17	Matthew 1	Psalm 17	John 5
18	Genesis 18	Matthew 2	Psalm 18	John 6
19	Genesis 19	Matthew 3	Psalm 19	John 7
20	Genesis 20	Matthew 4	Psalm 20	John 8
21	Genesis 21	Matthew 5	Psalm 21	John 9
22	Genesis 22	Matthew 6	Psalm 22	John 10
23	Genesis 23	Matthew 7	Psalm 23	John 11
24	Genesis 24	Matthew 8	Psalm 24	John 12
25	Genesis 25	Matthew 9	Psalm 25	John 13
26	Genesis 26	Matthew 10	Psalm 26	John 14
27	Genesis 27	Matthew 11	Psalm 27	John 15
28	Genesis 28	Matthew 12	Psalm 28	John 16
29	Genesis 1	Matthew 13	Psalm 29	John 1
30	Genesis 2	Matthew 14	Psalm 30	John 2
31	Genesis 3	Matthew 15	Psalm 31	John 3

February

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Exodus 1	Mark 1	Psalm 32	Acts 5
2	Exodus 2	Mark 2	Psalm 33	Acts 6
3	Exodus 3	Mark 3	Psalm 34	Acts 7
4	Exodus 4	Mark 4	Psalm 35	Acts 8
5	Exodus 5	Mark 5	Psalm 36	Acts 9
6	Exodus 6	Mark 6	Psalm 37	Acts 10
7	Exodus 7	Mark 7	Psalm 38	Acts 11
8	Exodus 8	Mark 8	Psalm 39	Acts 12
9	Exodus 9	Mark 9	Psalm 40	Acts 13
10	Exodus 10	Mark 10	Psalm 41	Acts 14
11	Exodus 11	Mark 11	Psalm 42	Acts 15
12	Exodus 12	Mark 12	Psalm 43	Acts 16
13	Exodus 13	Mark 13	Psalm 44	Acts 1
14	Exodus 14	Mark 14	Psalm 45	Acts 2
15	Exodus 15	Mark 15	Psalm 46	Acts 3
16	Exodus 16	Mark 16	Psalm 47	Acts 4
17	Exodus 17	Mark 1	Psalm 48	Acts 5
18	Exodus 18	Mark 2	Psalm 49	Acts 6
19	Exodus 19	Mark 3	Psalm 50	Acts 7
20	Exodus 20	Mark 4	Psalm 51	Acts 8
21	Exodus 21	Mark 5	Psalm 52	Acts 9
22	Exodus 22	Mark 6	Psalm 53	Acts 10
23	Exodus 23	Mark 7	Psalm 54	Acts 11
24	Exodus 24	Mark 8	Psalm 55	Acts 12
25	Exodus 25	Mark 9	Psalm 56	Acts 13
26	Exodus 26	Mark 10	Psalm 57	Acts 14
27	Exodus 27	Mark 11	Psalm 58	Acts 15
28	Exodus 28	Mark 12	Psalm 59	Acts 16
29	Exodus 1	Mark 13	Psalm 60	Acts 1
30	Exodus 2	Mark 14	Psalm 61	Acts 2
31	Exodus 3	Mark 15	Psalm 62	Acts 3

March

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Leviticus 1	Luke 1	Psalm 63	Romans 5
2	Leviticus 2	Luke 2	Psalm 64	Romans 6
3	Leviticus 3	Luke 3	Psalm 65	Romans 7
4	Leviticus 4	Luke 4	Psalm 66	Romans 8
5	Leviticus 5	Luke 5	Psalm 67	Romans 9
6	Leviticus 6	Luke 6	Psalm 68	Romans 10
7	Leviticus 7	Luke 7	Psalm 69	Romans 11
8	Leviticus 8	Luke 8	Psalm 70	Romans 12
9	Leviticus 9	Luke 9	Psalm 71	Romans 13
10	Leviticus 10	Luke 10	Psalm 72	Romans 14
11	Leviticus 11	Luke 11	Psalm 73	Romans 15
12	Leviticus 12	Luke 12	Psalm 74	Romans 16
13	Leviticus 13	Luke 13	Psalm 75	Romans 1
14	Leviticus 14	Luke 14	Psalm 76	Romans 2
15	Leviticus 15	Luke 15	Psalm 77	Romans 3
16	Leviticus 16	Luke 16	Psalm 78	Romans 4
17	Leviticus 17	Luke 1	Psalm 79	Romans 5
18	Leviticus 18	Luke 2	Psalm 80	Romans 6
19	Leviticus 19	Luke 3	Psalm 81	Romans 7
20	Leviticus 20	Luke 4	Psalm 82	Romans 8
21	Leviticus 21	Luke 5	Psalm 83	Romans 9
22	Leviticus 22	Luke 6	Psalm 84	Romans 10
23	Leviticus 23	Luke 7	Psalm 85	Romans 11
24	Leviticus 24	Luke 8	Psalm 86	Romans 12
25	Leviticus 25	Luke 9	Psalm 87	Romans 13
26	Leviticus 26	Luke 10	Psalm 88	Romans 14
27	Leviticus 27	Luke 11	Psalm 89	Romans 15
28	Leviticus 28	Luke 12	Psalm 90	Romans 16
29	Leviticus 1	Luke 13	Psalm 91	Romans 1
30	Leviticus 2	Luke 14	Psalm 92	Romans 2
31	Leviticus 3	Luke 15	Psalm 93	Romans 3

April

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Numbers 1	John 1	Psalm 94	1 Corinthians 5
2	Numbers 2	John 2	Psalm 95	1 Corinthians 6
3	Numbers 3	John 3	Psalm 96	1 Corinthians 7
4	Numbers 4	John 4	Psalm 97	1 Corinthians 8
5	Numbers 5	John 5	Psalm 98	1 Corinthians 9
6	Numbers 6	John 6	Psalm 99	1 Corinthians 10
7	Numbers 7	John 7	Psalm 100	1 Corinthians 11
8	Numbers 8	John 8	Psalm 101	1 Corinthians 12
9	Numbers 9	John 9	Psalm 102	1 Corinthians 13
10	Numbers 10	John 10	Psalm 103	1 Corinthians 14
11	Numbers 11	John 11	Psalm 104	1 Corinthians 15
12	Numbers 12	John 12	Psalm 105	1 Corinthians 16
13	Numbers 13	John 13	Psalm 106	1 Corinthians 1
14	Numbers 14	John 14	Psalm 107	1 Corinthians 2
15	Numbers 15	John 15	Psalm 108	1 Corinthians 3
16	Numbers 16	John 16	Psalm 109	1 Corinthians 4
17	Numbers 17	John 1	Psalm 110	1 Corinthians 5
18	Numbers 18	John 2	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 6
19	Numbers 19	John 3	Psalm 112	1 Corinthians 7
20	Numbers 20	John 4	Psalm 113	1 Corinthians 8
21	Numbers 21	John 5	Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 9
22	Numbers 22	John 6	Psalm 115	1 Corinthians 10
23	Numbers 23	John 7	Psalm 116	1 Corinthians 11
24	Numbers 24	John 8	Psalm 117	1 Corinthians 12
25	Numbers 25	John 9	Psalm 118	1 Corinthians 13
26	Numbers 26	John 10	Psalm 119	1 Corinthians 14
27	Numbers 27	John 11	Psalm 120	1 Corinthians 15
28	Numbers 28	John 12	Psalm 121	1 Corinthians 16
29	Numbers 1	John 13	Psalm 122	1 Corinthians 1
30	Numbers 2	John 14	Psalm 123	1 Corinthians 2
31	Numbers 3	John 15	Psalm 124	1 Corinthians 3

May

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Deuteronomy 1	Acts 1	Psalm 125	2 Corinthians 5
2	Deuteronomy 2	Acts 2	Psalm 126	2 Corinthians 6
3	Deuteronomy 3	Acts 3	Psalm 127	2 Corinthians 7
4	Deuteronomy 4	Acts 4	Psalm 128	2 Corinthians 8
5	Deuteronomy 5	Acts 5	Psalm 129	2 Corinthians 9
6	Deuteronomy 6	Acts 6	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 10
7	Deuteronomy 7	Acts 7	Psalm 131	2 Corinthians 11
8	Deuteronomy 8	Acts 8	Psalm 132	2 Corinthians 12
9	Deuteronomy 9	Acts 9	Psalm 133	2 Corinthians 13
10	Deuteronomy 10	Acts 10	Psalm 134	2 Corinthians 14
11	Deuteronomy 11	Acts 11	Psalm 135	2 Corinthians 15
12	Deuteronomy 12	Acts 12	Psalm 136	2 Corinthians 16
13	Deuteronomy 13	Acts 13	Psalm 137	2 Corinthians 1
14	Deuteronomy 14	Acts 14	Psalm 138	2 Corinthians 2
15	Deuteronomy 15	Acts 15	Psalm 139	2 Corinthians 3
16	Deuteronomy 16	Acts 16	Psalm 140	2 Corinthians 4
17	Deuteronomy 17	Acts 1	Psalm 141	2 Corinthians 5
18	Deuteronomy 18	Acts 2	Psalm 142	2 Corinthians 6
19	Deuteronomy 19	Acts 3	Psalm 143	2 Corinthians 7
20	Deuteronomy 20	Acts 4	Psalm 144	2 Corinthians 8
21	Deuteronomy 21	Acts 5	Psalm 145	2 Corinthians 9
22	Deuteronomy 22	Acts 6	Psalm 146	2 Corinthians 10
23	Deuteronomy 23	Acts 7	Psalm 147	2 Corinthians 11
24	Deuteronomy 24	Acts 8	Psalm 148	2 Corinthians 12
25	Deuteronomy 25	Acts 9	Psalm 149	2 Corinthians 13
26	Deuteronomy 26	Acts 10	Psalm 150	2 Corinthians 14
27	Deuteronomy 27	Acts 11	Psalm 1	2 Corinthians 15
28	Deuteronomy 28	Acts 12	Psalm 2	2 Corinthians 16
29	Deuteronomy 1	Acts 13	Psalm 3	2 Corinthians 1
30	Deuteronomy 2	Acts 14	Psalm 4	2 Corinthians 2
31	Deuteronomy 3	Acts 15	Psalm 5	2 Corinthians 3

June

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Joshua 1	Romans 1	Psalm 6	Galatians 5
2	Joshua 2	Romans 2	Psalm 7	Galatians 6
3	Joshua 3	Romans 3	Psalm 8	Galatians 7
4	Joshua 4	Romans 4	Psalm 9	Galatians 8
5	Joshua 5	Romans 5	Psalm 10	Galatians 9
6	Joshua 6	Romans 6	Psalm 11	Galatians 10
7	Joshua 7	Romans 7	Psalm 12	Galatians 11
8	Joshua 8	Romans 8	Psalm 13	Galatians 12
9	Joshua 9	Romans 9	Psalm 14	Galatians 13
10	Joshua 10	Romans 10	Psalm 15	Galatians 14
11	Joshua 11	Romans 11	Psalm 16	Galatians 15
12	Joshua 12	Romans 12	Psalm 17	Galatians 16
13	Joshua 13	Romans 13	Psalm 18	Galatians 1
14	Joshua 14	Romans 14	Psalm 19	Galatians 2
15	Joshua 15	Romans 15	Psalm 20	Galatians 3
16	Joshua 16	Romans 16	Psalm 21	Galatians 4
17	Joshua 17	Romans 1	Psalm 22	Galatians 5
18	Joshua 18	Romans 2	Psalm 23	Galatians 6
19	Joshua 19	Romans 3	Psalm 24	Galatians 7
20	Joshua 20	Romans 4	Psalm 25	Galatians 8
21	Joshua 21	Romans 5	Psalm 26	Galatians 9
22	Joshua 22	Romans 6	Psalm 27	Galatians 10
23	Joshua 23	Romans 7	Psalm 28	Galatians 11
24	Joshua 24	Romans 8	Psalm 29	Galatians 12
25	Joshua 25	Romans 9	Psalm 30	Galatians 13
26	Joshua 26	Romans 10	Psalm 31	Galatians 14
27	Joshua 27	Romans 11	Psalm 32	Galatians 15
28	Joshua 28	Romans 12	Psalm 33	Galatians 16
29	Joshua 1	Romans 13	Psalm 34	Galatians 1
30	Joshua 2	Romans 14	Psalm 35	Galatians 2
31	Joshua 3	Romans 15	Psalm 36	Galatians 3

July

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Judges 1	1 Corinthians 1	Psalm 37	Ephesians 5
2	Judges 2	1 Corinthians 2	Psalm 38	Ephesians 6
3	Judges 3	1 Corinthians 3	Psalm 39	Ephesians 7
4	Judges 4	1 Corinthians 4	Psalm 40	Ephesians 8
5	Judges 5	1 Corinthians 5	Psalm 41	Ephesians 9
6	Judges 6	1 Corinthians 6	Psalm 42	Ephesians 10
7	Judges 7	1 Corinthians 7	Psalm 43	Ephesians 11
8	Judges 8	1 Corinthians 8	Psalm 44	Ephesians 12
9	Judges 9	1 Corinthians 9	Psalm 45	Ephesians 13
10	Judges 10	1 Corinthians 10	Psalm 46	Ephesians 14
11	Judges 11	1 Corinthians 11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 15
12	Judges 12	1 Corinthians 12	Psalm 48	Ephesians 16
13	Judges 13	1 Corinthians 13	Psalm 49	Ephesians 1
14	Judges 14	1 Corinthians 14	Psalm 50	Ephesians 2
15	Judges 15	1 Corinthians 15	Psalm 51	Ephesians 3
16	Judges 16	1 Corinthians 16	Psalm 52	Ephesians 4
17	Judges 17	1 Corinthians 1	Psalm 53	Ephesians 5
18	Judges 18	1 Corinthians 2	Psalm 54	Ephesians 6
19	Judges 19	1 Corinthians 3	Psalm 55	Ephesians 7
20	Judges 20	1 Corinthians 4	Psalm 56	Ephesians 8
21	Judges 21	1 Corinthians 5	Psalm 57	Ephesians 9
22	Judges 22	1 Corinthians 6	Psalm 58	Ephesians 10
23	Judges 23	1 Corinthians 7	Psalm 59	Ephesians 11
24	Judges 24	1 Corinthians 8	Psalm 60	Ephesians 12
25	Judges 25	1 Corinthians 9	Psalm 61	Ephesians 13
26	Judges 26	1 Corinthians 10	Psalm 62	Ephesians 14
27	Judges 27	1 Corinthians 11	Psalm 63	Ephesians 15
28	Judges 28	1 Corinthians 12	Psalm 64	Ephesians 16
29	Judges 1	1 Corinthians 13	Psalm 65	Ephesians 1
30	Judges 2	1 Corinthians 14	Psalm 66	Ephesians 2
31	Judges 3	1 Corinthians 15	Psalm 67	Ephesians 3

August

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	1 Samuel 1	2 Corinthians 1	Psalms 68	Philippians 5
2	1 Samuel 2	2 Corinthians 2	Psalms 69	Philippians 6
3	1 Samuel 3	2 Corinthians 3	Psalms 70	Philippians 7
4	1 Samuel 4	2 Corinthians 4	Psalms 71	Philippians 8
5	1 Samuel 5	2 Corinthians 5	Psalms 72	Philippians 9
6	1 Samuel 6	2 Corinthians 6	Psalms 73	Philippians 10
7	1 Samuel 7	2 Corinthians 7	Psalms 74	Philippians 11
8	1 Samuel 8	2 Corinthians 8	Psalms 75	Philippians 12
9	1 Samuel 9	2 Corinthians 9	Psalms 76	Philippians 13
10	1 Samuel 10	2 Corinthians 10	Psalms 77	Philippians 14
11	1 Samuel 11	2 Corinthians 11	Psalms 78	Philippians 15
12	1 Samuel 12	2 Corinthians 12	Psalms 79	Philippians 16
13	1 Samuel 13	2 Corinthians 13	Psalms 80	Philippians 1
14	1 Samuel 14	2 Corinthians 14	Psalms 81	Philippians 2
15	1 Samuel 15	2 Corinthians 15	Psalms 82	Philippians 3
16	1 Samuel 16	2 Corinthians 16	Psalms 83	Philippians 4
17	1 Samuel 17	2 Corinthians 1	Psalms 84	Philippians 5
18	1 Samuel 18	2 Corinthians 2	Psalms 85	Philippians 6
19	1 Samuel 19	2 Corinthians 3	Psalms 86	Philippians 7
20	1 Samuel 20	2 Corinthians 4	Psalms 87	Philippians 8
21	1 Samuel 21	2 Corinthians 5	Psalms 88	Philippians 9
22	1 Samuel 22	2 Corinthians 6	Psalms 89	Philippians 10
23	1 Samuel 23	2 Corinthians 7	Psalms 90	Philippians 11
24	1 Samuel 24	2 Corinthians 8	Psalms 91	Philippians 12
25	1 Samuel 25	2 Corinthians 9	Psalms 92	Philippians 13
26	1 Samuel 26	2 Corinthians 10	Psalms 93	Philippians 14
27	1 Samuel 27	2 Corinthians 11	Psalms 94	Philippians 15
28	1 Samuel 28	2 Corinthians 12	Psalms 95	Philippians 16
29	1 Samuel 1	2 Corinthians 13	Psalms 96	Philippians 1
30	1 Samuel 2	2 Corinthians 14	Psalms 97	Philippians 2
31	1 Samuel 3	2 Corinthians 15	Psalms 98	Philippians 3

September

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	2 Samuel 1	Galatians 1	Psalm 99	Hebrews 5
2	2 Samuel 2	Galatians 2	Psalm 100	Hebrews 6
3	2 Samuel 3	Galatians 3	Psalm 101	Hebrews 7
4	2 Samuel 4	Galatians 4	Psalm 102	Hebrews 8
5	2 Samuel 5	Galatians 5	Psalm 103	Hebrews 9
6	2 Samuel 6	Galatians 6	Psalm 104	Hebrews 10
7	2 Samuel 7	Galatians 7	Psalm 105	Hebrews 11
8	2 Samuel 8	Galatians 8	Psalm 106	Hebrews 12
9	2 Samuel 9	Galatians 9	Psalm 107	Hebrews 13
10	2 Samuel 10	Galatians 10	Psalm 108	Hebrews 14
11	2 Samuel 11	Galatians 11	Psalm 109	Hebrews 15
12	2 Samuel 12	Galatians 12	Psalm 110	Hebrews 16
13	2 Samuel 13	Galatians 13	Psalm 111	Hebrews 1
14	2 Samuel 14	Galatians 14	Psalm 112	Hebrews 2
15	2 Samuel 15	Galatians 15	Psalm 113	Hebrews 3
16	2 Samuel 16	Galatians 16	Psalm 114	Hebrews 4
17	2 Samuel 17	Galatians 1	Psalm 115	Hebrews 5
18	2 Samuel 18	Galatians 2	Psalm 116	Hebrews 6
19	2 Samuel 19	Galatians 3	Psalm 117	Hebrews 7
20	2 Samuel 20	Galatians 4	Psalm 118	Hebrews 8
21	2 Samuel 21	Galatians 5	Psalm 119	Hebrews 9
22	2 Samuel 22	Galatians 6	Psalm 120	Hebrews 10
23	2 Samuel 23	Galatians 7	Psalm 121	Hebrews 11
24	2 Samuel 24	Galatians 8	Psalm 122	Hebrews 12
25	2 Samuel 25	Galatians 9	Psalm 123	Hebrews 13
26	2 Samuel 26	Galatians 10	Psalm 124	Hebrews 14
27	2 Samuel 27	Galatians 11	Psalm 125	Hebrews 15
28	2 Samuel 28	Galatians 12	Psalm 126	Hebrews 16
29	2 Samuel 1	Galatians 13	Psalm 127	Hebrews 1
30	2 Samuel 2	Galatians 14	Psalm 128	Hebrews 2
31	2 Samuel 3	Galatians 15	Psalm 129	Hebrews 3

October

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	1 Kings 1	Ephesians 1	Psalm 130	Matthew 5
2	1 Kings 2	Ephesians 2	Psalm 131	Matthew 6
3	1 Kings 3	Ephesians 3	Psalm 132	Matthew 7
4	1 Kings 4	Ephesians 4	Psalm 133	Matthew 8
5	1 Kings 5	Ephesians 5	Psalm 134	Matthew 9
6	1 Kings 6	Ephesians 6	Psalm 135	Matthew 10
7	1 Kings 7	Ephesians 7	Psalm 136	Matthew 11
8	1 Kings 8	Ephesians 8	Psalm 137	Matthew 12
9	1 Kings 9	Ephesians 9	Psalm 138	Matthew 13
10	1 Kings 10	Ephesians 10	Psalm 139	Matthew 14
11	1 Kings 11	Ephesians 11	Psalm 140	Matthew 15
12	1 Kings 12	Ephesians 12	Psalm 141	Matthew 16
13	1 Kings 13	Ephesians 13	Psalm 142	Matthew 1
14	1 Kings 14	Ephesians 14	Psalm 143	Matthew 2
15	1 Kings 15	Ephesians 15	Psalm 144	Matthew 3
16	1 Kings 16	Ephesians 16	Psalm 145	Matthew 4
17	1 Kings 17	Ephesians 1	Psalm 146	Matthew 5
18	1 Kings 18	Ephesians 2	Psalm 147	Matthew 6
19	1 Kings 19	Ephesians 3	Psalm 148	Matthew 7
20	1 Kings 20	Ephesians 4	Psalm 149	Matthew 8
21	1 Kings 21	Ephesians 5	Psalm 150	Matthew 9
22	1 Kings 22	Ephesians 6	Psalm 1	Matthew 10
23	1 Kings 23	Ephesians 7	Psalm 2	Matthew 11
24	1 Kings 24	Ephesians 8	Psalm 3	Matthew 12
25	1 Kings 25	Ephesians 9	Psalm 4	Matthew 13
26	1 Kings 26	Ephesians 10	Psalm 5	Matthew 14
27	1 Kings 27	Ephesians 11	Psalm 6	Matthew 15
28	1 Kings 28	Ephesians 12	Psalm 7	Matthew 16
29	1 Kings 1	Ephesians 13	Psalm 8	Matthew 1
30	1 Kings 2	Ephesians 14	Psalm 9	Matthew 2
31	1 Kings 3	Ephesians 15	Psalm 10	Matthew 3

November

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	2 Kings 1	Philippians 1	Psalm 11	Mark 5
2	2 Kings 2	Philippians 2	Psalm 12	Mark 6
3	2 Kings 3	Philippians 3	Psalm 13	Mark 7
4	2 Kings 4	Philippians 4	Psalm 14	Mark 8
5	2 Kings 5	Philippians 5	Psalm 15	Mark 9
6	2 Kings 6	Philippians 6	Psalm 16	Mark 10
7	2 Kings 7	Philippians 7	Psalm 17	Mark 11
8	2 Kings 8	Philippians 8	Psalm 18	Mark 12
9	2 Kings 9	Philippians 9	Psalm 19	Mark 13
10	2 Kings 10	Philippians 10	Psalm 20	Mark 14
11	2 Kings 11	Philippians 11	Psalm 21	Mark 15
12	2 Kings 12	Philippians 12	Psalm 22	Mark 16
13	2 Kings 13	Philippians 13	Psalm 23	Mark 1
14	2 Kings 14	Philippians 14	Psalm 24	Mark 2
15	2 Kings 15	Philippians 15	Psalm 25	Mark 3
16	2 Kings 16	Philippians 16	Psalm 26	Mark 4
17	2 Kings 17	Philippians 1	Psalm 27	Mark 5
18	2 Kings 18	Philippians 2	Psalm 28	Mark 6
19	2 Kings 19	Philippians 3	Psalm 29	Mark 7
20	2 Kings 20	Philippians 4	Psalm 30	Mark 8
21	2 Kings 21	Philippians 5	Psalm 31	Mark 9
22	2 Kings 22	Philippians 6	Psalm 32	Mark 10
23	2 Kings 23	Philippians 7	Psalm 33	Mark 11
24	2 Kings 24	Philippians 8	Psalm 34	Mark 12
25	2 Kings 25	Philippians 9	Psalm 35	Mark 13
26	2 Kings 26	Philippians 10	Psalm 36	Mark 14
27	2 Kings 27	Philippians 11	Psalm 37	Mark 15
28	2 Kings 28	Philippians 12	Psalm 38	Mark 16
29	2 Kings 1	Philippians 13	Psalm 39	Mark 1
30	2 Kings 2	Philippians 14	Psalm 40	Mark 2
31	2 Kings 3	Philippians 15	Psalm 41	Mark 3

December

Day	Matins I	Matins II	Evensong I	Evensong II
1	Isaiah 1	Hebrews 1	Psalm 42	Luke 5
2	Isaiah 2	Hebrews 2	Psalm 43	Luke 6
3	Isaiah 3	Hebrews 3	Psalm 44	Luke 7
4	Isaiah 4	Hebrews 4	Psalm 45	Luke 8
5	Isaiah 5	Hebrews 5	Psalm 46	Luke 9
6	Isaiah 6	Hebrews 6	Psalm 47	Luke 10
7	Isaiah 7	Hebrews 7	Psalm 48	Luke 11
8	Isaiah 8	Hebrews 8	Psalm 49	Luke 12
9	Isaiah 9	Hebrews 9	Psalm 50	Luke 13
10	Isaiah 10	Hebrews 10	Psalm 51	Luke 14
11	Isaiah 11	Hebrews 11	Psalm 52	Luke 15
12	Isaiah 12	Hebrews 12	Psalm 53	Luke 16
13	Isaiah 13	Hebrews 13	Psalm 54	Luke 1
14	Isaiah 14	Hebrews 14	Psalm 55	Luke 2
15	Isaiah 15	Hebrews 15	Psalm 56	Luke 3
16	Isaiah 16	Hebrews 16	Psalm 57	Luke 4
17	Isaiah 17	Hebrews 1	Psalm 58	Luke 5
18	Isaiah 18	Hebrews 2	Psalm 59	Luke 6
19	Isaiah 19	Hebrews 3	Psalm 60	Luke 7
20	Isaiah 20	Hebrews 4	Psalm 61	Luke 8
21	Isaiah 21	Hebrews 5	Psalm 62	Luke 9
22	Isaiah 22	Hebrews 6	Psalm 63	Luke 10
23	Isaiah 23	Hebrews 7	Psalm 64	Luke 11
24	Isaiah 24	Hebrews 8	Psalm 65	Luke 12
25	Isaiah 25	Hebrews 9	Psalm 66	Luke 13
26	Isaiah 26	Hebrews 10	Psalm 67	Luke 14
27	Isaiah 27	Hebrews 11	Psalm 68	Luke 15
28	Isaiah 28	Hebrews 12	Psalm 69	Luke 16
29	Isaiah 1	Hebrews 13	Psalm 70	Luke 1
30	Isaiah 2	Hebrews 14	Psalm 71	Luke 2
31	Isaiah 3	Hebrews 15	Psalm 72	Luke 3

Matins Daily throughout the Year

Rubric. The minister or officiant beginneth standing. The people stand for the opening, sit for lessons, and kneel or bow for confession and prayers. If a layperson leadeth, the absolution is replaced with a prayer for pardon.

Opening Sentences

The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee.

Exhortation and Confession

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father, but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe His holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit. Amen.

Versicles and Venite

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Rubric. The appointed Psalms and Lessons follow. After the first Lesson, Te Deum or Benedicite is said. After the second Lesson, Benedictus is said.

Te Deum

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. To Thee all Angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people; and hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of His servant David; as He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets, which have been since the world began.

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended unto the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and

the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power. Amen.

Evensong Daily throughout the Year

Rubric. Evensong may be sung with lights. Incense may be used at the Magnificat in solemn celebration, provided that it be taught as a sign of prayer and not as superstition.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Rubric. The appointed Psalms and first Lesson follow.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Rubric. The second Lesson followeth.

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended unto the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. Amen.

Compline and Family Prayer

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

Keep me as the apple of an eye. Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. Amen.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this home, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy Angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and let Thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Litany and Suffrages

Rubric. The Litany may be said kneeling, sung in procession, or appointed for penitential seasons, missions, ordinations, and times of public need.

O God the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation: good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness: good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation; by Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost: good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way.

That it may please Thee to bless Andrew Michael our Archbishop, all bishops, priests, deacons, minor orders, ministers, catechists, missionaries, and all Thy people.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly.

That it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, concord, justice, and mercy.

That it may please Thee to defend the poor and fatherless, to heal the sick, to comfort the sorrowful, to deliver the oppressed, and to bring all people to the knowledge of Thy truth.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist, Commonly Called the Mass

Rubric. The priest vesteth in alb, stole, and chasuble, or other authorized vesture. The altar is prepared with fair linen, chalice, paten, bread, wine, water, candles, cross, and book. The people stand as the ministers enter.

Prayers at the Foot of the Altar

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.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Priest. Almighty God, who 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, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

Introit, Kyrie, Gloria, and Collect

Rubric. The Introit or hymn is sung. The Kyrie followeth. The Gloria is omitted in Advent, Lent, and at Requiems unless appointed.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high, 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.

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

Rubric. The Collect of the Day is said.

The Word of God

Rubric. The people sit for the Epistle and stand for the Gospel. The Gospel may be carried in procession with candles and incense.

Reader. The Epistle is written in the appointed lesson.

People. Thanks be to God.

Deacon or Priest. The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint N.

People. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Rubric. After the Gospel: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. The sermon shall expound Holy Scripture and preach Christ crucified and risen.

The Creed

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 and Prayer for the Church

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of all creation, for of Thy bounty we have received this bread and this cup, which we offer unto Thee in praise and thanksgiving. May they be unto us, according to Christ's institution, the communion of His Body and Blood.

Rubric. The priest may wash his hands, saying: I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to Thine altar.

Almighty and everliving God, receive these our prayers for Thy holy catholic Church; for the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; for Archbishop Andrew Michael; for all clergy and people; for civil authorities; for the sick, poor, oppressed, and grieving; and for all who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Sursum Corda and Sanctus

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.

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 for the sins of the whole world.

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 Eucharistic Prayer

Rubric. The priest speaketh the prayer clearly. Bells may be rung at the Words of Institution according to local custom. No rubric shall suggest a repeated sacrifice for sin.

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 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 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.

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.

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.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we celebrate the memorial of Thy Son's blessed Passion, precious Death, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension; and we offer unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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.

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 receive the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

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.

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

Priest. The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Postcommunion and Dismissal

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee 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. Send us now into the world in peace, courage, and charity. Amen.

Priest. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always.

People. Amen.

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

People. Thanks be to God.

Prayers before and after Mass

Prayer of the Priest before Mass

O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, cleanse my heart and lips, that I may worthily proclaim Thy Gospel and administer Thy holy mysteries. Make me not a seeker of mine own praise, but a faithful steward of Thy Word and Sacraments. Amen.

Prayer of the People before Mass

O Lord, prepare our hearts to worship Thee. Give us repentance for our sins, faith in Thy promises, charity toward our neighbors, and hunger for the living Bread, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Almighty and everliving God, we thank Thee that Thou hast fed us with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Thy Son. Keep us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and fervent in charity. Amen.

Anima Christi, Reformed Use

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, strengthen me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, comfort me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. From the evil enemy defend me. At the hour of my death call me, and bid me come unto Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee forever. Amen.

Prayer for Mission after Mass

Lord Jesus Christ, send us forth as witnesses of Thy Gospel, servants of the poor, defenders of the weak, and peacemakers in Thy Name. Amen.

Holy Baptism

Rubic. Baptism is administered with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Sponsors answer for infants and assist adult candidates.

Priest. Dearly beloved, our Savior Christ saith, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

Priest. Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh?

Sponsors or Candidate. I renounce them all.

Priest. Dost thou believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost?

Sponsors or Candidate. I believe.

Priest. N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We receive this person into the congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign him with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Confirmation and Catechism

Rubic. Confirmation is a sacred rite of strengthening and public profession, administered by the Archbishop or a bishop authorized by him.

Bishop. Do ye renew the solemn promise and vow that was made at your Baptism?

Candidates. I do.

Bishop. Defend, O Lord, this Thy servant with Thy heavenly grace, that he may continue Thine forever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more. Amen.

The catechism shall teach the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, Baptism, Eucharist, repentance, faith, charity, and the doctrine of the EPCA.

Holy Matrimony

Rubic. Marriage in the EPCA is the covenantal union of one man and one woman in the sight of God and the Church.

Minister. Wilt thou have this woman/man to thy wedded wife/husband, to live together after God's ordinance in holy Matrimony?

Each. I will.

Each. I N. take thee N. to my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Visitation, Anointing, and Communion of the Sick

Rubric. The priest shall visit the sick promptly, hear confession where desired, declare absolution to the penitent, anoint where appropriate, and administer Holy Communion.

Priest. Peace be to this house, and to all who dwell in it.

Priest. I anoint thee with oil in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, praying that He will raise thee up, strengthen thee in faith, forgive thy sins, comfort thy soul, and grant thee peace.

Priest. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

O Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant. Amen.

Burial of the Dead

Rubic. The funeral rite proclaimeth the resurrection of Christ and committeth the departed to the mercy and judgment of God.

Minister. I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord.

Minister. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit this body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, grant us at last to share in Thy eternal glory. Amen.

Ash Wednesday and Penitential Office

Rubic. Ashes may be imposed as a sign of mortality and repentance. They do not save, but summon the faithful to repentance and faith.

Turn Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, be favorable to Thy people, who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying.

Minister. Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, O God, that we worthily lamenting our sins may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ordinal and Pontifical Rites

Rubric. All ordinations require examination, consent, safe-church clearance, pastoral authorization, and conformity to EPCA doctrine and canons.

The Making of a Porter

The candidate kneeleth. The bishop or authorized minister saith: Receive authority to guard the house of prayer and welcome the faithful.

Minister. Receive the ministry of Porter in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Reader

The candidate kneeleth. The bishop or authorized minister saith: Receive the Holy Scriptures and read them clearly in the congregation.

Minister. Receive the ministry of Reader in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Exorcist

The candidate kneeleth. The bishop or authorized minister saith: Receive authority to pray for deliverance under priestly oversight, trusting only in Christ's victory.

Minister. Receive the ministry of Exorcist in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Acolyte

The candidate kneeleth. The bishop or authorized minister saith: Receive the candle and serve the altar with reverence.

Minister. Receive the ministry of Acolyte in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Subdeacon

The candidate kneeleth. The bishop or authorized minister saith: Receive authority to prepare the altar, coordinate servers, and assist solemn worship.

Minister. Receive the ministry of Subdeacon in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Catechist

The candidate kneeleth. The bishop or authorized minister saith: Receive the Catechism and teach the faith with patience and accuracy.

Minister. Receive the ministry of Catechist in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Deacon

Consecrator. Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed unto thee. Serve the poor, proclaim the Gospel, and assist at the altar. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rubric. The laying on of hands is done reverently. The *Veni Creator* may be sung. The appropriate instrument of office may be delivered.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Priest

Consecrator. Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God. Be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of His holy Sacraments. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rubric. The laying on of hands is done reverently. The *Veni Creator* may be sung. The appropriate instrument of office may be delivered.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Bishop

Consecrator. Receive the grace of episcopal oversight, to guard doctrine, worship, discipline, and mission, and to serve as shepherd under Christ. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rubric. The laying on of hands is done reverently. The *Veni Creator* may be sung. The appropriate instrument of office may be delivered.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Archbishop

Consecrator. Receive the pastoral charge of Archbishop, to preserve unity, authorize ministers, guard doctrine, and serve as chief pastor under Jesus Christ. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rubic. The laying on of hands is done reverently. The Veni Creator may be sung. The appropriate instrument of office may be delivered.

Blessings, Missions, and Parish Registers

Blessing of a Home

Visit, O Lord, this home with the gladness of Thy presence; bless all who dwell herein with faith, peace, and charity. Amen.

Blessing of a Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, bless this mission; let Thy Word be preached, sinners converted, the sacraments administered, the poor served, and Thy Name glorified. Amen.

Blessing of Water

O God, who in Baptism hast joined water to Thy promise, bless this water as a reminder of our Baptism and a call to repentance and faith. Amen.

Blessing of Icons or Sacred Images

Bless this image for instruction and devotion; let it lead hearts to Christ and never to superstition. Amen.

Parish Registers

Every parish and mission shall keep registers of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Burial, Communion of the Sick, Ordination, and Mission establishment. Amen.

Luther's Latin Mass: EPCA Translation and Use

Based upon Luther's Formula Missae of 1523, this order retaineth the Western Mass shape in purified evangelical form: Introit, Kyrie, Gloria, Collect, Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, Creed, Sermon, Offertory, Preface, Sanctus, Words of Institution, Pax, Agnus Dei, Communion, Postcommunion, and Benediction.

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The Order

Introit or Psalm. Kyrie. Gloria in Excelsis. Collect. Epistle. Gradual or Alleluia. Gospel. Creed. Sermon. Offertory. Preface. Sanctus. Words of Institution. Pax Domini. Agnus Dei. Communion. Postcommunion. Blessing.

Texts

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, 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.

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which 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. This do in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, saying: Drink ye all of this; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

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.

We thank Thee, almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldest strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and fervent love toward one another. Amen.

Luther's German Mass: English Translation and Use

Based upon Luther's Deutsche Messe of 1526, this order is designed for the people, with hymns, catechesis, preaching, and clear vernacular proclamation. It is suitable for missions, catechetical Masses, and parochial use.

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The Order

Spiritual song or German hymn. Kyrie in German or English. Collect. Epistle. Hymn. Gospel. Creed hymn or Nicene Creed. Sermon. Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer. Exhortation. Words of Institution sung or said. Distribution with hymns. Thanksgiving Collect. Blessing.

Full Text for EPCA Use

Dear Christians, one and all rejoice, for Christ hath done great things. Let us draw near with repentance and faith, hearing the Word of God and receiving the testament of our Lord.

Almighty God, merciful Father, we confess that we are poor sinners and cannot deliver ourselves. For the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Thy will.

The Holy Gospel is read in the tongue of the people. The sermon followeth, expounding law and Gospel.

The Words of Institution are spoken plainly over bread and cup, that the people may hear the testament of Christ and trust His promise.

Come, ye faithful, receive the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the remission of sins.

O Lord, strengthen us by this holy Supper, that faith may be increased, love kindled, and good works abound. Amen.

Calvin's Genevan Service and Lord's Supper

Based upon Calvin's Form of Church Prayers and the Genevan order, this rite setteth forth confession, psalmody, prayer for illumination, Scripture, sermon, intercession, Creed, and the Lord's Supper.

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Lord's Day Service

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Let us confess our sins before the face of Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved Thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Thy will and walk in Thy ways, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Hear the Gospel: God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

A Psalm is sung. The minister prayeth for illumination. The Scriptures are read. The sermon is preached.

The Supper

Beloved in the Lord, examine yourselves, repent of your sins, forgive your neighbors, and come not trusting in yourselves but in Jesus Christ.

The bread which we break is the communion of the Body of Christ; the cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

Come, for all things are ready. Feed on Christ in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

O Father of mercies, we thank Thee for feeding us at the holy Table of Thy Son. Make us one body in Him, and send us to serve Thee. Amen.

Zwingli's Zurich Service and Supper

Based upon Zurich reforming patterns of Scripture, preaching, and a simplified Supper, this rite emphasize the Word, the memorial command of Christ, and the obedience of faith.

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Prophetic Service

The congregation gathereth for the reading and exposition of Holy Scripture. The minister readeth a portion continuously and expoundeth it plainly, applying doctrine to repentance, faith, and public righteousness.

O Lord, open our understanding, that we may receive Thy Word not as the word of man, but as it is indeed, the Word of God. Amen.

The Supper

Dearly beloved, our Lord Jesus Christ instituted this Supper in remembrance of His death. Let us therefore remember His Passion, give thanks for His redemption, and pledge ourselves to live as His people.

Take, eat; this is My Body, given for you. Drink ye all of this; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast commanded us to do this in remembrance of Thee. Grant that our remembrance be not empty, but joined to true faith, charity, and obedience. Amen.

Cranmer's Prayer Book Services

Based upon the English Prayer Book tradition, this section provideth Cranmerian Matins, Evensong, Litany, and Holy Communion in EPCA form.

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Morning and Evening Prayer

The minister beginneth with Scripture, exhortation, confession, absolution, Lord's Prayer, psalms, lessons, canticles, creed, suffrages, and collects. The people hear the Word in a tongue understood and answer with one voice.

Holy Communion

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 receive the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption, grant that we may receive this Sacrament in faith and thanksgiving. Amen.

Bucer and Strasbourg

Based upon Strasbourg's evangelical city liturgy, this rite combineth psalmody, confession, preaching, discipline, intercession, and frequent Communion.

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Service of Word and Supper

A Psalm is sung. The minister calleth the people to confession. Absolution is declared from the Gospel. The Scriptures are read. The sermon is preached. The Church prayeth for all estates and conditions.

The minister exhorteth the people to come frequently to the Supper, yet not without repentance, faith, and reconciliation.

The Words of Institution are spoken. The people receive bread and cup. A Psalm of thanksgiving is sung.

Prayer

Merciful Father, reform Thy Church according to Thy Word. Raise up faithful pastors, diligent teachers, godly rulers, and charitable servants. Defend Thy people from false doctrine and coldness of heart. Amen.

Knox and the Scottish Book of Common Order

Based upon the Scottish Reformed order, this rite is suitable for preaching services, missions, and Communion seasons.

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Lord's Day

The minister saith: Our help is in the Name of the Lord. A Psalm is sung. The people confess their sins. The minister prayeth for illumination. Scripture is read. The sermon is preached. The congregation prayeth for the Church and commonwealth.

The Supper

The minister warneth the careless and comforteth the weak. The table is fenced pastorally, not cruelly. The faithful are invited to come to Christ.

Come, not because ye are strong, but because ye are weak; not because ye have no sin, but because Christ is merciful; not because ye are worthy, but because He is worthy and calleth you.

The bread is broken and the cup is given. Psalms are sung. Thanksgiving followeth.

Heidelberg and Dutch Reformed Forms

Based upon the Palatinate and Dutch Reformed forms, this rite emphasize comfort in Christ, covenantal Baptism, catechesis, self-examination, and grateful obedience.

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Catechetical Service

Question: What is thy only comfort in life and in death? Answer: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not mine own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

The minister readeth Scripture, catechizeth the people, preacheth Christ, and leadeth prayer.

Baptismal Form

Beloved, Baptism witnesseth that we and our children are conceived and born in sin, and therefore must be born again. Yet God in mercy receiveth us into His covenant and sealeth His promise in Christ.

N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Supper Form

Let every one examine himself: whether he repenteth of sin, believeth the promise of God in Christ, and purposeth to live in charity with his neighbor.

The Supper assureth believers that the one sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross is sufficient for all our sins.

Reformation Collects and Proper Prayers

For the Pure Preaching of the Word

Blessed Lord, give to Thy Church faithful ministers who preach not themselves but Christ Jesus the Lord. Keep them from error, pride, fear, and flattery. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Frequent Communion

O Savior Christ, who hast called Thy people to Thy holy Table, make us hunger for the bread of life and thirst for the cup of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Catechumens

Teach those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, or Communion. Open their hearts, strengthen their faith, and join them to Thy Church in repentance and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Reform of the Church

Reform Thy Church, O Lord, not according to the pride of man, but according to Thy Word and Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Deliverance from Superstition

Deliver us from all superstition, empty ceremony, false confidence, and spiritual pride. Teach us to worship in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Christian Unity

Unite Thy Protestant and catholic people in the truth of the Gospel, the authority of Scripture, the confession of Christ, and charity toward one another. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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It is commended for review, correction, catechesis, local trial use, and eventual ecclesiastical promulgation according to the canons and authority of the Church.

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Ecumenical Protestant Church in America

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The Catechism

of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America

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The Catechism

Rubric. The Catechism may be taught publicly in church, in homes, schools, missions, catechetical classes, and preparation for Confirmation.

Q. What is thy Name?

A. N. or M.

Q. Who gave thee this Name?

A. My Sponsors in Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Q. What did thy Sponsors promise for thee in Baptism?

A. They did promise and vow three things in my name: first, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh; secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith; and thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

Q. Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe and to do as they promised for thee?

A. Yes verily; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that He hath called me to this state of salvation through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Q. What is thy duty toward God?

A. My duty toward God is to believe in Him, to fear Him, and to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Q. What is thy duty toward thy neighbor?

A. My duty toward my neighbor is to love him as myself, to do unto all men as I would they should do unto me, to forgive injuries, and to seek peace and charity with all.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn in the Apostles' Creed?

A. I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me and all the world; in God the Son, who hath redeemed me and all mankind; and in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me and all the people of God.

Q. What are the Ten Commandments?

A. The Ten Commandments are the holy moral law of God given through Moses, teaching us our duty toward God and our duty toward our neighbor.

Q. Canst thou keep the Commandments perfectly?

A. No. I fail daily in thought, word, and deed, and therefore must seek God's mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Q. What is Prayer?

A. Prayer is the lifting up of the heart and voice unto God, giving thanks, confessing sins, making requests, and praising His holy Name.

Q. What is the Lord's Prayer?

A. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Q. What is a Sacrament?

A. A Sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us by Christ Himself.

Q. How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in His Church?

A. Two only, as generally necessary to salvation: Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist.

Q. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is the sacrament wherein water and the Word are joined according to Christ's command, whereby we are received into the covenant community of the Church.

Q. What is the Holy Eucharist?

A. The Holy Eucharist is the sacramental memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, wherein the faithful truly commune with Christ according to His promise.

Q. What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

A. They must examine themselves, repent truly of their sins, trust in God's mercy through Christ, and live in charity with all men.

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the congregation of faithful believers in Jesus Christ, gathered around the Word of God and the holy Sacraments.

Q. Who is the Head of the Church?

A. Jesus Christ alone is the Head of the Church.

Q. What is Holy Scripture?

A. Holy Scripture is the written Word of God, containing all things necessary to salvation.

Q. What is justification?

A. Justification is God's gracious act whereby sinners are accounted righteous through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Q. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of the Holy Ghost, whereby believers are renewed in holiness and obedience.

Q. What is the Christian hope?

A. The Christian hope is the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life in the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt have none other gods but Me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt do no murder.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

Concluding Exhortation

Learn diligently, beloved Christian, the faith once delivered unto the saints. Attend faithfully upon the public worship of the Church, hear the Holy Scriptures, receive the Sacraments reverently, pray daily, and walk in charity with all men. Above all, trust wholly in Jesus Christ for thy salvation.

+ Andrew Michael
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Ecumenical Protestant Church in America

Full Expanded Texts

for the EPCA Book of Common Prayer

This appendix addeth fuller texts for the offices, Mass, sacraments, catechism, pastoral rites, ordinations, blessings, Reformation liturgies, propers, and parish forms. It is prepared in elevated Elizabethan English and appended to the illustrated master Prayer Book.

Editorial Rule

This full-text edition is governed by Holy Scripture, the ancient Creeds, the Gospel of justification by grace through faith, the sole mediation of Jesus Christ, and the doctrine of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America. Historical forms are received as witnesses and adapted for public use; they are not reproduced as diplomatic critical editions.

Rubic. In all rites the minister shall prefer clarity to display, reverence to speed, and the Gospel of Christ to ceremonial excess.

Full Matins

Rubric. The Officiant beginneth standing. The people stand for the opening, kneel or bow for confession, sit for lessons, and stand for the Creed.

The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Exhortation, Confession, and Absolution

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness before Almighty God our heavenly Father, with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Priest. Almighty God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe His holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

Responses and Psalmody

Officiant. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Officiant. O God, make speed to save us.

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Rubric. The appointed Psalms and Lessons follow. The Te Deum or Benedicite followeth the first lesson; the Benedictus followeth the second lesson.

Canticles

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people; and hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of His servant David.

Creed and Collects

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended unto the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power. Amen.

Full Evensong

Rubric. Evensong may be sung with candles. Incense may be used at the Magnificat in solemn celebration.

Officiant. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Officiant. O God, make speed to save us.

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Rubric. The Psalms and first lesson are read.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud; He hath exalted the humble and meek.

Rubric. The second lesson is read.

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended unto the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. Amen.

Full Compline

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

Lighten our darkness, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. Amen.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy Angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace. Amen.

Full Litany

O God the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation: good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation; by Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost: good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please Thee to bless Andrew Michael our Archbishop, all bishops, priests, deacons, minor orders, catechists, missionaries, and all Thy people: we beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to defend the poor and fatherless, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, deliver the oppressed, and bring all people to the knowledge of Thy truth: we beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Full Mass

Rubric. The priest, deacon, servers, and people shall prepare in silence. The altar is vested, the vessels prepared, and the readings appointed.

Entrance

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.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Priest. Almighty God pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life.

People. Amen.

Kyrie, Gloria, Collect, and Word

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high, 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. 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.

Rubric. The Collect, Epistle, Psalm, Gospel, Sermon, and Creed follow.

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.

Offertory and Prayer for the Church

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of all creation, for of Thy bounty we have received this bread and this cup, which we offer unto Thee in praise and thanksgiving. May they be unto us, according to Christ's institution, the communion of His Body and Blood.

Almighty and everliving God, receive these prayers for Thy holy catholic Church; for the EPCA; for Archbishop Andrew Michael; for all clergy and people; for civil authorities; for the sick, poor, oppressed, and grieving; and for all departed in Thy faith and fear. Amen.

Consecration and Communion

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.

All glory be to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by His one oblation once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Hear us, O merciful Father; and grant that by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son's holy institution, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. Drink ye all of this; for this is My Blood of the New Covenant, shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me.

We celebrate the memorial of Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension, and offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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.

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 receive the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Priest. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Priest. The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank Thee that Thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Thy Son. Send us forth in peace. Amen.

Holy Baptism

Rubric. The minister shall perform this rite with pastoral sobriety, clarity, and reverence.

Dearly beloved, our Savior Christ saith, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the Baptism of Thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ didst sanctify water to the mystical washing away of sin: mercifully look upon this child or candidate.

Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works? I renounce them all.

Dost thou believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost? I believe.

N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We receive this person into the congregation of Christ's flock and sign him with the sign of the Cross.

Confirmation

Rubic. The minister shall perform this rite with pastoral sobriety, clarity, and reverence.

Do ye renew the solemn promise and vow that was made at your Baptism? I do.

Almighty and everliving God, strengthen these Thy servants with the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Defend, O Lord, this Thy servant with Thy heavenly grace, that he may continue Thine forever. Amen.

Holy Matrimony

Rubric. The minister shall perform this rite with pastoral sobriety, clarity, and reverence.

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God to join together this man and this woman in holy Matrimony, an honourable estate instituted of God.

Wilt thou have this woman or this man to thy wedded spouse, to live together after God's ordinance? I will.

I N. take thee N. to my wedded wife or husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

O eternal God, send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, that they may keep their covenant in faith, fidelity, patience, and love. Amen.

Visitation and Communion of the Sick

Rubric. The minister shall perform this rite with pastoral sobriety, clarity, and reverence.

Peace be to this house, and to all who dwell therein.

O Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant.

I anoint thee with oil in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, praying that He will raise thee up, strengthen thee in faith, forgive thy sins, comfort thy soul, and grant thee peace.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Burial of the Dead

Rubic. The minister shall perform this rite with pastoral sobriety, clarity, and reverence.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord.

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit this body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, grant us everlasting comfort in Christ. Amen.

Ash Wednesday and Penitential Office

Rubic. The minister shall perform this rite with pastoral sobriety, clarity, and reverence.

Turn Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned.

Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, O God, that we may obtain of Thee perfect remission and forgiveness. Amen.

Expanded Catechism

Q. What is thy Name?

A. N. or M.

Q. Who gave thee this Name?

A. My sponsors in Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Q. What did thy sponsors promise for thee?

A. That I should renounce the devil and all his works, believe the Articles of the Christian Faith, and keep God's holy will and commandments.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn in the Creed?

A. I learn to believe in God the Father, who made me; God the Son, who redeemed me; and God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me.

Q. What is Holy Scripture?

A. The written Word of God, containing all things necessary to salvation.

Q. What is sin?

A. Every thought, word, desire, or deed contrary to the law of God.

Q. What is repentance?

A. Sorrow for sin, hatred of evil, turning unto God, and purpose of amendment by His grace.

Q. What is faith?

A. Trust in God and in His promises, especially His promise of mercy in Jesus Christ.

Q. What is justification?

A. God's gracious act whereby sinners are pardoned and accounted righteous through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Q. What is sanctification?

A. The work of the Holy Ghost whereby believers are renewed in holiness and made fruitful in good works.

Q. What is a Sacrament?

A. An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, ordained by Christ Himself.

Q. How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained?

A. Two only, as generally necessary to salvation: Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Q. What is Baptism?

A. The sacrament of new birth, wherein water and the Word are joined according to Christ's command.

Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The sacramental communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, received by faith according to His promise.

Q. Is the Eucharist a repetition of Calvary?

A. No. Christ offered Himself once for all. The Eucharist is the memorial He commanded and the Church's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Q. Who is the Head of the Church?

A. Jesus Christ alone is the Head of the Church.

Q. What is the Christian hope?

A. The resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ordinal and Pontifical-Style Rites

The Making of a Porter

Minister. Receive authority to serve as Porter, to guard the house of prayer and welcome the faithful, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Reader

Minister. Receive authority to serve as Reader, to read Holy Scripture distinctly, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Exorcist

Minister. Receive authority to serve as Exorcist, to pray for deliverance under priestly oversight, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Acolyte

Minister. Receive authority to serve as Acolyte, to serve the altar with reverence, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Subdeacon

Minister. Receive authority to serve as Subdeacon, to prepare the altar and coordinate servers, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Catechist

Minister. Receive authority to serve as Catechist, to teach the faith with patience and accuracy, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Deacon

Consecrator. Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Priest

Consecrator. Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Bishop

Consecrator. Receive the grace of episcopal oversight to guard doctrine, worship, discipline, and mission. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Archbishop

Consecrator. Receive the pastoral charge of Archbishop, to preserve unity, authorize ministers, and guard doctrine. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Full Reformation Liturgies

Luther's Latin Mass

The service proceedeth with Introit, Kyrie, Gloria, Collect, Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, Creed, Sermon, Offertory, Preface, Sanctus, Words of Institution, Pax, Agnus Dei, Communion, Thanksgiving, and Blessing. Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it unto His disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Likewise after supper He took the cup, saying: Drink ye all of this; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, shed for you for the remission of sins.

Rubic. This historical form is adapted for EPCA use and shall be interpreted according to Scripture, the Creeds, and the doctrine of this Church.

Luther's German Mass

A hymn is sung in the tongue of the people. The Kyrie, Collect, Epistle, hymn, Gospel, Creed, sermon, Lord's Prayer, exhortation, Words of Institution, distribution with hymns, postcommunion, and blessing follow. This rite is especially fit for missions and catechetical Masses.

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Calvin's Genevan Service

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The people confess sins. A Psalm is sung. The minister prayeth for illumination, readeth Scripture, preacheth the sermon, leadeth intercession, confesseth the Creed, and blesseth the people.

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Calvin's Lord's Supper

Beloved in the Lord, examine yourselves, repent of your sins, forgive your neighbours, and come not trusting in yourselves but in Jesus Christ. The bread which we break is the communion of the Body of Christ; the cup of blessing is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

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Zwingli's Zurich Service

The congregation gathereth for Scripture, exposition, prayer, and the Supper. The minister saith: Lord God, open our understanding, that we may receive Thy Word and obey it. The Supper is celebrated in remembrance of Christ's death with thanksgiving and obedience.

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Cranmer's Prayer Book Communion

The Lord's Prayer, Collect for Purity, Commandments or Summary, Collect, Epistle, Gospel, Creed, Sermon, Offertory, Prayer for the Church, Exhortation, Confession, Absolution, Comfortable Words, Sursum Corda, Consecration, Humble Access, Communion, Thanksgiving, and Blessing are used.

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Bucer's Strasbourg Service

A Psalm is sung. Confession and Gospel absolution follow. The Scriptures are read and preached. Intercessions are made. The people are exhorted to frequent Communion with repentance, faith, and reconciliation. Bread and cup are distributed with psalms.

Rubic. This historical form is adapted for EPCA use and shall be interpreted according to Scripture, the Creeds, and the doctrine of this Church.

Knox's Scottish Order

The minister openeth with prayer, Psalm, confession, Scripture, sermon, intercession, Creed, Lord's Prayer, and blessing. At the Supper, the table is fenced pastorally, the weak are comforted, and believers are invited to Christ.

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Heidelberg and Dutch Reformed Forms

The catechetical question is asked: What is thy only comfort in life and in death? Answer: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not mine own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. Baptism and Supper are administered with covenantal instruction and thanksgiving.

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Blessings, Parish Forms, and Registers

Blessing of a Home

Visit, O Lord, this home with the gladness of Thy presence; bless all who dwell herein with faith, peace, and charity. Amen.

Blessing of a Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, bless this mission; let Thy Word be preached, sinners converted, the sacraments administered, the poor served, and Thy Name glorified. Amen.

Blessing of Water

O God, who in Baptism hast joined water to Thy promise, bless this water as a reminder of our Baptism and call to repentance. Amen.

Parish Register Form

Every parish and mission shall record Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Burial, Communion of the Sick, Ordination, and Mission establishment. Amen.

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Expanded Prayers, Liturgies, Rites, and Rubrics

Supplement to the EPCA Book of Common Prayer

This supplement addeth fuller prayers for the daily offices, Mass, sacraments, pastoral rites, ordinations, blessings, Reformation services, mission worship, and household devotion. The language is intentionally Elizabethan, symmetrical, and public in tone, that it may be read aloud in the congregation.

Supplement I: Additional Prayers for the Daily Offices

Rubric. These prayers may be added after the Collects at Matins, Evensong, Compline, or family prayer. The officiant should choose no more than three unless the occasion requireth a longer office.

For the Word of God

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For True Repentance

Almighty God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live: give unto us contrite hearts, steadfast faith, and new obedience, that we may hate the sins which nailed our Savior to the Cross and cleave unto Him in righteousness. Amen.

For the Church

O Lord Jesus Christ, Head of Thy Church, preserve the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America in the doctrine of the Apostles, the fellowship of the saints, the breaking of bread, and the prayers; cleanse her ministers, teach her people, guard her missions, and make her fruitful in works of mercy. Amen.

For Bishops and Pastors

O God, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, grant unto Andrew Michael our Archbishop, and to all bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, readers, and ministers, purity of doctrine, holiness of life, courage in discipline, tenderness in pastoral care, and zeal for the salvation of souls. Amen.

For the Poor and Afflicted

Merciful Father, behold with compassion the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the imprisoned, the sick, the lonely, the tempted, and all who are oppressed. Raise up Thy Church to serve them with the hands of Christ and to speak unto them the hope of the Gospel. Amen.

For the Nation

Almighty God, guide all civil authorities in justice, restraint, truth, and mercy. Defend the innocent, restrain the violent, comfort those who suffer, and teach all peoples to seek peace without falsehood and liberty without wickedness. Amen.

For Schools and Catechesis

O Lord, who didst command Thy Church to teach all nations, bless our catechists, teachers, students, and households. Make our children wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, and keep our instruction pure, patient, joyful, and rooted in Holy Scripture. Amen.

For Morning

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that all our thoughts, words, and works may be ordered by Thy governance and sanctified by Thy Spirit. Amen.

For Evening

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. Forgive what we have done amiss, receive our thanksgiving, and grant us quiet rest in Christ. Amen.

For Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst send Thine Apostles into all the world, send us also with Thy Gospel. Open doors for Thy Word, gather the scattered, strengthen the weak, and establish congregations where Thy Name shall be praised. Amen.

Supplement II: Extensive Rubrics and Prayers for the Mass

Rubric. The following directions may be used for Low Mass, Sung Mass, Solemn Mass, mission Mass, or domestic chapel celebration. They are to be applied according to local capacity and pastoral prudence.

Low Mass

At Low Mass the priest may be assisted by one server. The responses are said clearly. No ceremonial shall be added which distracteth from the Word, the Prayer of Consecration, or the Communion of the faithful.

Sung Mass

At Sung Mass the ordinary parts may be sung: Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and appropriate hymns or psalms. The Gospel may be carried with candles. Incense may be used if the people have been instructed in its meaning.

Solemn Mass

At Solemn Mass the priest, deacon, subdeacon or reader, thurifer, crucifer, acolytes, and choir serve in ordered harmony. The deacon proclaimeth the Gospel and leadeth the dismissal. The subdeacon or reader readeth the Epistle. The servers shall rehearse beforehand.

Mission Mass

At mission Mass, simplicity is preferred. A clean table or altar, fair linen, bread, wine, water, chalice, paten, Bible, and prayer book suffice. The essential order of Word, Prayer, Institution, Communion, Thanksgiving, and Blessing shall not be omitted.

Participation of the People

The people shall answer audibly, sing where able, kneel or stand according to local custom, exchange peace in charity where appointed, and receive Holy Communion reverently. They shall be taught that the Mass is not a performance of the clergy but the prayer of the whole Church.

Silence

Sacred silence may be kept before confession, after the sermon, after the Words of Institution, and after Communion. Silence is not emptiness, but reverent attention unto God.

Additional Offertory Prayers

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Receive these gifts of bread and wine, and receive us with them, that our lives may be a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord, who didst feed Israel in the wilderness and hast given unto Thy Church the Bread of Life, bless this offering for the holy use appointed by Thy Son, and make us grateful stewards of all Thy mercies. Amen.

Let this bread and cup, O Father, be set apart for the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Thy Son, not by our worthiness, but by Thy promise, Thy Word, and Thy Spirit. Amen.

Additional Postcommunion Prayers

We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast fed us at Thy holy Table. Let not this gift be unto judgment, but unto healing, holiness, and perseverance in faith. Amen.

O Christ, Thou living Bread which came down from heaven, abide in us, and make us abide in Thee; cleanse our affections, strengthen our wills, and make us servants of Thy mercy. Amen.

Send us forth, O Lord, with the peace of the altar in our hearts, the Gospel upon our lips, and charity in our hands. Amen.

Supplement III: Expanded Prayers for Sacraments and Pastoral Rites

Holy Baptism

Prayer over Water. O God, who by water and the Spirit dost bring Thy people into the covenant of grace, look mercifully upon this water and upon this candidate. Let this Baptism be unto the washing away of sin, the new birth of the Spirit, and the reception of Thy servant into Christ and His Church. Amen.

Prayer for Sponsors. Grant, O Lord, unto these sponsors a faithful heart, that they may pray, teach, encourage, correct, and love this child or candidate in the way of Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Baptism. We yield Thee hearty thanks, O Father, that Thou hast received this Thy servant into the household of faith. Keep him in the death and resurrection of Christ all the days of his life. Amen.

Rubric. The minister shall adapt pastoral tone to the circumstance, but shall not alter the essential sacramental form where one is appointed.

Confirmation

Before the Laying on of Hands. Strengthen, O Lord, these Thy servants with the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Confirm them in faith, arm them against temptation, and make them bold confessors of Christ. Amen.

After Confirmation. O Lord, let the gift now prayed for bear fruit in doctrine, worship, chastity, mercy, courage, and perseverance. Amen.

Rubric. The minister shall adapt pastoral tone to the circumstance, but shall not alter the essential sacramental form where one is appointed.

Holy Matrimony

For the Bride and Bridegroom. O God, who didst make man and woman for covenant love, bless these Thy servants, that their marriage may be honourable, their home peaceful, their fidelity steadfast, and their life together a witness to Christ and His Church. Amen.

For the Household. Make their home a school of prayer, forgiveness, hospitality, and godly discipline. Amen.

Rubric. The minister shall adapt pastoral tone to the circumstance, but shall not alter the essential sacramental form where one is appointed.

Reconciliation of a Penitent

Before Confession. O Lord Jesus Christ, who receivest sinners and eatest with them, give unto Thy servant true contrition, honest confession, and sure trust in Thy mercy. Amen.

After Absolution. Go in peace. The Lord hath put away thy sin. Continue in repentance, flee occasions of evil, and trust in the mercy of Christ. Amen.

Rubric. The minister shall adapt pastoral tone to the circumstance, but shall not alter the essential sacramental form where one is appointed.

Anointing of the Sick

Before Anointing. O Savior of the world, who didst bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, look upon Thy servant in sickness. Strengthen faith, forgive sin, comfort the soul, and grant healing according to Thy gracious will. Amen.

After Anointing. The Lord Jesus Christ defend thee from the assaults of the enemy, give thee patience in suffering, and bring thee through all trials unto everlasting life. Amen.

Rubric. The minister shall adapt pastoral tone to the circumstance, but shall not alter the essential sacramental form where one is appointed.

Burial of the Dead

At the Coffin. O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst rest in the tomb and sanctify the grave for Thy people, receive our sorrow, strengthen our hope, and teach us to number our days. Amen.

At the Committal. Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in hope of the resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be like unto His glorious Body. Amen.

Rubric. The minister shall adapt pastoral tone to the circumstance, but shall not alter the essential sacramental form where one is appointed.

Supplement IV: Expanded Ordinal and Ministry Rubrics

Rubric. These rubrics govern the making of minor orders, ordination to major orders, installation of ministers, and commissioning for mission. They are to be used with written authorization of the Archbishop.

The Making of a Porter

The candidate kneeleth. The minister saith: Dearly beloved, thou art called to the office of Porter, to keep order at the doors, welcome the faithful, protect the reverence of the church, and assist the poor and stranger. Consider that this ministry is given not for display, but for service to Christ and His Church.

Minister. Receive this keys, and receive authority to serve as Porter in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Reader

The candidate kneeleth. The minister saith: Dearly beloved, thou art called to the office of Reader, to read Holy Scripture, lead appointed lessons, and assist in catechesis. Consider that this ministry is given not for display, but for service to Christ and His Church.

Minister. Receive this Bible, and receive authority to serve as Reader in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Exorcist

The candidate kneeleth. The minister saith: Dearly beloved, thou art called to the office of Exorcist, to pray for deliverance from darkness under priestly oversight and to assist in pastoral protection. Consider that this ministry is given not for display, but for service to Christ and His Church.

Minister. Receive this prayer book, and receive authority to serve as Exorcist in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Acolyte

The candidate kneeleth. The minister saith: Dearly beloved, thou art called to the office of Acolyte, to carry lights, prepare vessels, and serve at the altar. Consider that this ministry is given not for display, but for service to Christ and His Church.

Minister. Receive this candle, and receive authority to serve as Acolyte in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Subdeacon

The candidate kneeleth. The minister saith: Dearly beloved, thou art called to the office of Subdeacon, to prepare the altar, arrange the book and vessels, and coordinate servers. Consider that this ministry is given not for display, but for service to Christ and His Church.

Minister. Receive this epistle book, and receive authority to serve as Subdeacon in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Making of a Catechist

The candidate kneeleth. The minister saith: Dearly beloved, thou art called to the office of Catechist, to teach the faith to children, converts, missions, and households. Consider that this ministry is given not for display, but for service to Christ and His Church.

Minister. Receive this catechism, and receive authority to serve as Catechist in the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Deacon

Serve the poor, proclaim the Gospel, assist at the altar, and model the charity of Christ.

Consecrator. Receive the office and work of Deacon in the Church of God, according to the doctrine and discipline of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Priest

Preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, absolve the penitent, bless the people, and shepherd the flock.

Consecrator. Receive the office and work of Priest in the Church of God, according to the doctrine and discipline of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Bishop

Guard doctrine, worship, discipline, and mission; ordain, confirm, teach, govern, and serve as shepherd under Christ.

Consecrator. Receive the office and work of Bishop in the Church of God, according to the doctrine and discipline of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ordering or Consecration of a Archbishop

Serve as chief pastor and guardian of doctrine, worship, faculties, mission, and unity within the EPCA.

Consecrator. Receive the office and work of Archbishop in the Church of God, according to the doctrine and discipline of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Supplement V: Expanded Reformation Liturgies and Services

Lutheran Latin Mass

Introit; Kyrie; Gloria; Collect; Epistle; Gradual; Gospel; Creed; Sermon; Offertory; Preface; Sanctus; Words of Institution; Pax Domini; Agnus Dei; Communion; Postcommunion; Benediction. The Words of Institution are central and shall be heard by the people.

Rubric. This historical order may be used for catechesis, mission, Reformation commemorations, or approved local use, always according to EPCA doctrine.

Lutheran German Mass

A hymn in the tongue of the people; Kyrie; Collect; Epistle; hymn; Gospel; Creed hymn; sermon; paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer; exhortation; Words of Institution; distribution with hymns; thanksgiving; blessing.

Rubric. This historical order may be used for catechesis, mission, Reformation commemorations, or approved local use, always according to EPCA doctrine.

Calvin Genevan Service

Votum; confession; declaration of pardon; Psalm; prayer for illumination; Scripture; sermon; intercession; Creed; Lord's Prayer; Psalm; blessing.

Rubric. This historical order may be used for catechesis, mission, Reformation commemorations, or approved local use, always according to EPCA doctrine.

Calvin Lord's Supper

Exhortation; fencing of the table; institution; prayer; breaking of bread; distribution of bread and cup; Psalm; thanksgiving. The weak in faith are to be comforted, not driven from Christ.

Rubric. This historical order may be used for catechesis, mission, Reformation commemorations, or approved local use, always according to EPCA doctrine.

Zwingli Zurich Service

Prayer; public reading of Scripture; exposition; catechetical instruction; prayers for city and Church; Supper in remembrance of Christ's death; thanksgiving and moral exhortation.

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Cranmer Prayer Book Communion

Collect for Purity; commandments or summary; Collect; Epistle; Gospel; Creed; sermon; offertory; prayer for the Church; exhortation; confession; absolution; comfortable words; consecration; humble access; Communion; thanksgiving; blessing.

Rubric. This historical order may be used for catechesis, mission, Reformation commemorations, or approved local use, always according to EPCA doctrine.

Bucer Strasbourg Service

Psalm; confession; absolution from the Gospel; lessons; sermon; intercession; exhortation to frequent Communion; institution; distribution with psalms; thanksgiving and discipline.

Rubric. This historical order may be used for catechesis, mission, Reformation commemorations, or approved local use, always according to EPCA doctrine.

Knox Scottish Order

Prayer; Psalm; confession; Scripture; sermon; intercession; Creed; Lord's Prayer; blessing. At Communion the table is fenced pastorally and believers are invited to Christ.

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Heidelberg Catechetical Service

Psalm; opening prayer; catechism question; Scripture; catechetical sermon; Creed; Lord's Prayer; prayer for obedience; blessing.

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Supplement VI: Additional Collects and Occasional Prayers

For Reformation of the Church

Reform Thy Church, O Lord, by Thy Word and Spirit; purge away false doctrine, coldness of heart, pride of office, and irreverence in worship. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Protestant Unity

Unite Thy Protestant people in the truth of the Gospel, the authority of Scripture, the confession of Christ, and charity toward one another. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Deliverance from Superstition

Deliver us from all superstition, empty ceremony, false confidence, and spiritual pride; and teach us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Frequent Communion

O Savior Christ, make us hunger for the Bread of Life and thirst for the Cup of Salvation, receiving Thy holy mysteries with repentance and faith. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Vocations

Raise up bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, readers, servers, missionaries, and faithful lay leaders for Thy harvest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Online Worship

Bless those who join the prayers from afar; make their homes places of reverence, their hearts attentive, and their lives fruitful in charity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Safe Church Ministry

Protect the vulnerable, expose wickedness, heal the wounded, and make Thy ministers faithful guardians of Thy flock. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Church Planting

Plant Thy Church in every place where Thy Name is not known; open homes, schools, missions, and chapels for the preaching of Christ. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Liturgical Reverence

Grant that all ceremonies may serve the Gospel, all music lift the heart, all preaching proclaim Christ, and all sacraments be received in faith. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Perseverance

Keep us steadfast, O Lord, when zeal faileth, temptation assaileth, and sorrow burdeneth the soul. Hold us fast in Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Full Reformation Liturgies and Rites

Appendix to the EPCA Book of Common Prayer

This appendix replaceth the former brief summaries with full working liturgical texts. Each rite is supplied with complete orders, prayers, exhortations, sacramental forms, and rubrics, rendered in elevated Elizabethan English and made conformable to the doctrine of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

The forms herein draw from public-domain Reformation liturgical witnesses: Luther's Formula Missae and Deutsche Messe, the Genevan and Calvinian forms, Zwingli's Zurich action of the Supper, Cranmer's Prayer Book services, Bucer's Strasbourg order, Knox's Scottish/Genevan order, and the Heidelberg and Dutch Reformed forms.

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Editorial and Doctrinal Rule for Historical Texts

These rites are not short paraphrases, outlines, or devotional summaries. They are full liturgical forms for ecclesiastical use. The orders, prayers, exhortations, sacramental words, and rubrics are supplied so that a minister may actually conduct the service from this appendix.

Because the historical sources arose in different languages and confessional settings, this EPCA edition rendereth them in unified Elizabethan English, correcting them where necessary according to Holy Scripture, the ancient Creeds, the Gospel of justification by grace through faith, and the doctrine that Jesus Christ alone is the Mediator and Advocate.

Where a source containeth polemical, local, civil, or disciplinary matter not suitable for general EPCA liturgical use, the substance of the rite is retained, but the text is rendered for the Church's actual worship. Where a text is already found in the EPCA Prayer Book, this appendix provideth the full Reformation form rather than a brief description.

***Rubric.** When using these rites publicly, the priest shall announce which historical form is being used, teach the people its origin, and ensure that no phrase be understood contrary to the doctrine of the EPCA.*

Luther's Formula Missae: Full EPCA Latin-Mass Form

This form is based upon the Wittenberg Formula Missae of 1523: the ancient Western Mass purified by the Gospel. It retaineth the ceremonial order of the Mass, the readings, the sermon, the Creed, the Preface, the Sanctus, the Words of Institution, the Pax, the Agnus Dei, Communion, and thanksgiving. The Roman Canon as a propitiatory sacrifice is omitted.

Rubric. This form may be celebrated in Latin, English, or mixed Latin-English use. The Gospel and sermon shall always be intelligible to the people. The people receive in both kinds according to EPCA discipline.

Preparation and Entrance

Priest. In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Priest. I will go unto the altar of God.

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

The Introit appointed for the day is sung or said. If none be appointed, a Psalm suitable to the day is sung. The priest goeth to the altar, reverently kisseth the holy table or boweth, and standeth at the midst.

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Gloria and Collect

Glory be to God on high, 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.

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day is said. The people answer: Amen.

Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, and Sermon

Rubric. The Epistle is read facing the people. The Gradual, Alleluia, Tract, or Psalm followeth. The people stand for the Gospel.

Reader. The Epistle is written in the appointed lesson.

People. Thanks be to God.

Deacon or Priest. The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint N.

People. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the minister saith: The Gospel of the Lord. The people answer: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Rubric. The sermon followeth. It shall proclaim Christ, explain the readings, call sinners to repentance, and comfort the faithful with the promises of the Gospel.

Creed

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.

Offertory

Rubric. The bread and wine are placed upon the altar. Alms may be received. Luther's form retained the historic placement of the elements but removed sacrificial abuses of the Canon.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of all creation, for of Thy bounty we have received this bread and this cup. Receive the praise and thanksgiving of Thy Church, and grant that according to Christ's institution these gifts may be unto us the communion of His Body and Blood.

Preface and Sanctus

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.

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.

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 Words of Institution

Rubric. The priest turneth toward the altar and speaketh distinctly, that the people may hear the testament of Christ. The Words of Institution are not hidden from the people.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which 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. This do in remembrance of Me.

Likewise, after supper, He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax, Agnus Dei, and Communion

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

People. Amen.

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.

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 receive the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Rubric. The priest communeth himself, then the ministers, then the faithful. The people may kneel or stand. The chalice shall not be denied to the faithful except by necessity.

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

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

Postcommunion and Blessing

Priest. Let us pray.

We thank Thee, almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldest strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always.

People. Amen.

Luther's Deutsche Messe: Full English Form

This form is based upon Luther's German Mass and Order of Divine Service of 1526. It is a vernacular service for the congregation, using hymns, Scripture, sermon, Creed, exhortation, the Words of Institution, Communion, thanksgiving, and blessing.

Rubric. This form is especially suitable for missions, catechetical Sundays, parishes with strong congregational singing, and services where the people need fuller instruction in the meaning of the Eucharist.

Opening Hymn and Kyrie

A spiritual hymn is sung by the whole congregation. The hymn may be a Psalm, a Reformation chorale, a metrical creed, or another doctrinally sound hymn.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

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.

Epistle, Hymn, Gospel

Rubric. The Epistle is read in the language of the people. Then a hymn is sung. The Gospel is then read or chanted.

Reader. The Epistle is written in the appointed lesson.

People. Thanks be to God.

A hymn is sung.

Minister. The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint N.

People. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Minister. The Gospel of the Lord.

People. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Creed and Sermon

The Creed is sung or said. Luther's metrical Creed may be used, or the Nicene Creed.

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.

Rubric. The sermon followeth. It shall explain the Gospel, distinguish Law and Gospel, preach repentance and faith, and teach the people the Sacrament.

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer and Exhortation

Dearly beloved in Christ, we are gathered at the Table of the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts unto God and pray as our Savior hath taught us, asking that His Name be hallowed among us, His Kingdom come among us, His will be done in us, our daily bread be given, our sins forgiven, our temptations overcome, and evil driven far from us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Ye that repent of your sins, believe the Gospel, forgive your neighbours, and desire the grace of Christ, draw near with faith. Come not trusting in your own worthiness, but in the mercy of God and the promise of Jesus Christ, who gave His Body and Blood for you.

Words of Institution

Rubric. The minister speaketh the Words of Institution over the bread and cup. The people listen attentively, for here the testament of Christ is proclaimed.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which 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. This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Distribution

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.

Minister. The Body of Christ, given for thee.

Minister. The Blood of Christ, shed for thee.

Rubric. During the distribution, hymns, psalms, or sacred silence may be kept. The people receive reverently under both kinds.

Thanksgiving and Blessing

We give thanks to Thee, almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us by this holy Supper. We beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, that Thou wouldest strengthen us thereby in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

People. Amen.

Lutheran Baptism, Confession, and Ordination Rites

The Order of Holy Baptism

Rubric. This form retaineth the Reformation seriousness concerning sin, deliverance, faith, and incorporation into Christ. It may include an exorcistic prayer, calmly and pastorally said.

Minister. What name is given to this child or candidate?

Sponsors. N.

Minister. N., receive the sign of the holy Cross upon thy forehead and upon thy heart, in token that Christ crucified claimeth thee as His own.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look graciously upon this Thy servant N. Drive from him all blindness of heart, break every snare of the enemy, and open unto him the door of Thy mercy, that he may be born anew by water and the Holy Ghost.

Minister. I command every power of darkness, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to depart from this servant of God; for Jesus Christ hath triumphed over sin, death, and the devil.

Minister. Dost thou renounce the devil, the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh?

Candidate or Sponsors. I renounce them.

Minister. Dost thou believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

Candidate or Sponsors. I believe.

Minister. N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We give Thee thanks, merciful Father, that Thou hast received this Thy servant through Holy Baptism. Keep him in the faith, defend him from evil, and bring him to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession and Absolution

Penitent. I confess before God that I am guilty of sin, and I grieve over all my sins. I flee for refuge to the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, and I ask forgiveness.

Minister. Dost thou believe that the forgiveness I declare is God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ?

Penitent. I believe.

Minister. According to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto thee the forgiveness of all thy sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Ordination of a Minister of the Word

The candidate is presented. The minister examineth him concerning doctrine, life, preaching, sacraments, and pastoral care.

Ordaining Minister. Wilt thou preach the pure Gospel, administer the Sacraments according to Christ's institution, pray for the flock, and live as an example to the faithful?

Candidate. I will, the Lord being my helper.

The laying on of hands followeth.

Ordaining Minister. The Lord pour upon thee His Holy Spirit for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Be faithful unto death, and Christ shall give thee a crown of life. Amen.

Calvin's Genevan Lord's Day Service

This full form is based upon the Genevan order of prayer: Scripture, confession, psalmody, prayer for illumination, preaching, intercession, Creed, Lord's Prayer, and blessing.

Rubric. This service may be used as a non-communion Lord's Day service, a preaching service, or a mission service. If no priest be present, a deacon, reader, or catechist may lead, omitting priestly absolution.

Call to Worship

Minister. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess that we were conceived and born in sin, and that we are prone to evil and slow to good. We have transgressed Thy holy commandments and have brought judgment upon ourselves. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and condemn ourselves and our sins. Let Thy grace bring help to our distress. Be pleased to have mercy upon us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Minister. Hear the Gospel of Christ: God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

People. Thanks be to God.

Psalm and Prayer for Illumination

Rubric. A Psalm is sung by the people. Metrical psalmody is especially suitable.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who hast given Thy holy Word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path: open our minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may receive Thy truth with reverence, believe it with faith, and obey it with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture and Sermon

Rubric. The appointed lessons are read. The sermon followeth and shall be the central act of proclamation. It shall interpret Scripture by Scripture and apply law and Gospel to the people.

Prayer for the Whole Estate of the Church

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we pray for Thy holy Church universal: govern it by Thy Word and Spirit; purge it of error; heal its divisions; strengthen its ministers; and make it faithful in witness. Bless all pastors, teachers, catechists, elders, deacons, missionaries, and all who labour in Thy vineyard.

We pray for rulers and magistrates, that they may do justice, love mercy, restrain evil, protect the weak, and govern in peace. We pray for the sick, sorrowful, poor, imprisoned, persecuted, and all who are in distress. Comfort them by Thy Spirit and raise up helpers for their need.

We pray for catechumens, children, schools, households, and missions. Make Thy Word fruitful in every place. Convert sinners, restore the fallen, strengthen the weak, and keep us steadfast in Christ until the end. Amen.

Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Blessing

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended unto the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

People. Amen.

Calvin's Order for the Lord's Supper

Rubric. The Supper is ordinarily celebrated after the sermon and prayers. The minister shall announce the Supper beforehand so the people may prepare by repentance, faith, reconciliation, and instruction.

Exhortation

Dearly beloved in the Lord Jesus, we are about to celebrate the holy Supper of our Lord, in which He witnesseth to us that He is the true bread of life, and that His Blood is drink indeed for the faithful soul. Let every one therefore examine himself: whether he repenteth of his sins, trusteth in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, and purposeth to live in charity with his neighbour.

If any be living in open hatred, unbelief, contempt of God's Word, or scandalous sin without repentance, let him not come to this holy Table. Yet let not the weak believer stay away because he feeleth his need; for this Supper is ordained for the hungry and thirsty who seek righteousness in Christ.

Institution

Hear the words of Saint Paul concerning the institution of the Supper: I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you: that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said: Take, eat; this is My Body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, saying: This cup is the New Testament in My Blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks for Thy great mercy in giving Thy Son to death for us. Grant that by Thy Holy Spirit we may truly receive Christ, feed upon Him by faith, and be made one body in Him. Let this Supper strengthen our faith, inflame our love, and bind us to holy obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Distribution

Minister, giving the Bread. Take, eat; remember and believe that the Body of Christ was given for thee.

Minister, giving the Cup. Drink of this; remember and believe that the Blood of Christ was shed for thee.

Rubric. Psalms may be sung during Communion. The table is fenced pastorally, not harshly. The weak believer who trusteth Christ shall be comforted.

Thanksgiving

O Lord God, we thank Thee that Thou hast fed us at the Table of Thy Son. Grant that we may live henceforth not unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again. Keep us in faith, charity, and obedience until we feast with Christ in Thy Kingdom. Amen.

Calvin's Baptism, Marriage, and Visitation Forms

Order of Baptism

Dearly beloved, Baptism is given unto us as a sign of our cleansing, adoption, and incorporation into the Church of Christ. Though the outward washing be with water, the inward grace is given by God through His promise and Spirit.

Minister. Dost thou present this child to be baptized in the faith of Jesus Christ?

Parents or Sponsors. I do.

Minister. Dost thou promise to instruct this child in the Word of God, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Commandments, and the doctrine of the Gospel?

Parents or Sponsors. I do, God being my helper.

Minister. N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Lord, keep this child in Thy covenant mercy. Grant true faith, repentance, and perseverance, that he may confess Christ and serve Thee all his days. Amen.

Form of Marriage

Marriage is an holy ordinance of God, instituted for mutual help, chastity, and the ordering of household life in godliness. Let this man and this woman therefore make their covenant before God and His Church.

Minister. Wilt thou have this woman to thy wife, and wilt thou love her faithfully so long as ye both shall live?

Man. I will.

Minister. Wilt thou have this man to thy husband, and wilt thou love him faithfully so long as ye both shall live?

Woman. I will.

O Lord, bless these Thy servants. Make their home a school of prayer, mercy, fidelity, and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visitation of the Sick

The minister readeth Scripture, exhorteth the sick person to trust in Christ, and prayeth:

O Lord God, Father of mercies, visit this Thy servant with Thy comfort. If it be Thy will, restore him to health; and if Thou hast appointed otherwise, strengthen him in faith, forgive his sins, and bring him to the joy of Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Zwingli's Zurich Service of the Word

This form is based on the Zurich Reformation's public Scripture exposition, prayer, and civic-catechetical worship. It is especially fitting for weekday teaching services and mission gatherings.

Opening

Minister. Grace and peace be unto you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord God, open our ears to Thy Word, our minds to Thy truth, and our hearts to obedience. Cast down every proud imagination and make us disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading and Exposition

Rubric. A full chapter or continuous portion of Scripture is read. The minister expoundeth the text plainly, explaining doctrine, refuting error, and exhorting the people to faith and obedience.

Reader. The lesson is written in the appointed Scripture.

People. Thanks be to God.

After the lesson, the minister saith: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

Prayer after the Sermon

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the light of Thy holy Word. Let it not be heard in vain, nor stolen from our hearts by the enemy, nor choked by worldly cares. Make it fruitful in repentance, faith, justice, mercy, and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions and Blessing

We pray for the Church, that she may be ruled by Thy Word; for ministers, that they may preach faithfully; for rulers, that they may seek justice; for the poor and afflicted, that they may be helped; and for all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Thy truth.

Minister. The Lord bless us and keep us in His Word and mercy.

People. Amen.

Zwingli's Action or Use of the Lord's Supper

Rubric. This form is based upon Zurich's 1525 Easter Communion action. It emphasizes thanksgiving, remembrance of Christ, reconciliation, and obedience. EPCA use confesses that the Supper is a true sacramental communion with Christ received by faith.

Preparation

The table is prepared in simplicity and reverence. The minister standeth at the table with bread and cup. The people gather as one congregation.

Minister. Dear brethren, we are assembled to use the Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He ordained in remembrance of His death and for the thanksgiving of His Church.

Let every one prove himself before God. If any man be at enmity with his neighbour, let him be reconciled. If any man liveth in open contempt of the Gospel, let him repent. Let those who trust in Christ draw near with thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People. It is meet and right so to do.

We give Thee thanks, O God our Father, for Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, reconciled us by His death, rose again for our justification, and commandeth us to show forth His death until He come. Grant that we may use this holy Supper in true faith, sincere thanksgiving, and brotherly love.

Institution

The minister readeth the institution from the Gospel or from Saint Paul:

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said: Take, eat; this is My Body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, saying: This cup is the New Testament in My Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Distribution

Minister. Take and eat in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

Minister. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

Rubric. The people may receive seated, standing, or kneeling according to local order. A Psalm may be sung.

Thanksgiving and Exhortation

O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee that Thou hast called us to this remembrance of Thy saving death. Grant that our remembrance be not bare in word only, but living in faith, charity, and obedience. Make us ready to bear the Cross, forgive our enemies, serve the poor, and proclaim Thy Gospel. Amen.

Minister. Go in peace. Love one another, for Christ hath loved you.

People. Amen.

Cranmerian Matins, Evensong, Litany, and Communion

These full forms are based on the English Prayer Book tradition: Scripture in course, confession, absolution, psalmody, canticles, Creed, suffrages, and Eucharistic reception in both kinds.

Morning Prayer

At the beginning, the minister readeth one or more sentences of Scripture. Then he exhorteth the people to confession, and all say:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess 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. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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 honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest. Almighty God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe His holy Gospel. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

The Venite is said or sung. The appointed Psalms and lessons follow. Te Deum or Benedicite followeth the first lesson; Benedictus followeth the second. Then the Apostles' Creed, Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, suffrages, Collect of the Day, Collect for Peace, and Collect for Grace are said.

Evening Prayer

The same order is used, except that after the first lesson the Magnificat is said, and after the second lesson the Nunc Dimittis. The Collects include the Collect for Peace and the Collect for Aid against all Perils.

The Litany

O God the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners. O God the Holy Ghost: have mercy upon us miserable sinners. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation: good Lord, deliver us. By Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost: good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way; to illuminate all ministers with true knowledge of Thy Word; to comfort the afflicted; to defend the poor; and to give us true repentance: we beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity are said. The Summary of the Law or Ten Commandments may be read. The Collect, Epistle, Gospel, Creed, Sermon, Offertory, Prayer for the Church, Exhortation, Confession, Absolution, Comfortable Words, Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Prayer of Consecration, Humble Access, Communion, Thanksgiving, Gloria, and Blessing follow.

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all that 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, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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 receive the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Cranmerian Baptism, Matrimony, Visitation, and Burial

Public Baptism

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin, and our Savior Christ saith, None can enter into the Kingdom of God except he be regenerate and born anew of water and of the Holy Ghost, let us call upon God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ that He will grant to this child that which by nature he cannot have.

Priest. Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh?

Sponsors. I renounce them all.

Priest. Dost thou believe the Christian faith?

Sponsors. I believe.

Priest. N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign him with the sign of the Cross.

Matrimony

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God to join together this man and this woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God.

Minister. Wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance?

Man. I will.

Minister. Wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance?

Woman. I will.

I N. take thee N. to my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Visitation of the Sick

O Lord, look down from heaven; behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant. Give him comfort and sure confidence in Thee; defend him from the danger of the enemy; and keep him in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Burial

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit this body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Bucer's Strasbourg Order of Word and Supper

This full form is based on Strasbourg's evangelical order associated with Martin Bucer: psalmody, confession, Gospel pardon, Scripture, sermon, intercession, exhortation, Supper, thanksgiving, and discipline.

Rubric. This rite is suited for reformational parishes, missions, and communities desiring frequent Communion joined to pastoral discipline and robust preaching.

Opening Psalm and Confession

A Psalm is sung. The minister then saith:

Beloved in Christ, let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins, seeking mercy through Jesus Christ.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess 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. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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 honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister. Hear the promise of the Gospel: If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins.

The Word

A lesson from the Old Testament is read. A Psalm or hymn is sung. A lesson from the Apostles is read. The Holy Gospel is proclaimed. The sermon followeth, expounding the text and applying doctrine to the people.

Intercession

Merciful Father, reform Thy Church according to Thy Word. Raise up faithful pastors, diligent teachers, godly rulers, and charitable servants. Defend Thy people from false doctrine, coldness of heart, and contempt of Thy sacraments. Heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, feed the poor, convert sinners, and make Thy Gospel fruitful among all nations. Amen.

Exhortation to Communion

Dearly beloved, our Lord calleth His Church to His holy Table. Let none come with hatred, unbelief, or contempt; but let all who repent, trust Christ, and desire amendment draw near. This Supper is medicine for the weak, food for pilgrims, and communion with Christ by faith through the Holy Ghost.

Institution and Distribution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said: Take, eat; this is My Body, given for you. Likewise He took the cup, saying: This cup is the New Testament in My Blood, shed for you for the remission of sins.

Minister. The Body of Christ, given for thee.

Minister. The Blood of Christ, shed for thee.

Thanksgiving

O Lord, Thou hast called us from darkness into Thy marvellous light. Keep us steadfast in Thy Word, frequent at Thy Table, zealous in mercy, faithful in discipline, and ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Knox and the Genevan/Scottish Book of Common Order

This full form is based upon the English-speaking Genevan and Scottish Reformed orders: confession, Psalm, Scripture, sermon, long prayer, sacraments, and discipline.

Lord's Day Service

Minister. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People. Who made heaven and earth.

A Psalm is sung.

Eternal God and most merciful Father, we confess that we are sinners, conceived and born in iniquity, prone to evil, and unable of ourselves to do any good. We have transgressed Thy commandments and provoked Thy wrath. But we appeal to Thy mercy in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and guide us by Thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister prayeth for illumination, the Scriptures are read, and the sermon is preached.

Prayer after Sermon

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thank Thee for Thy holy Word. Write it in our hearts, reform our lives, strengthen Thy Church, preserve faithful ministers, bless civil rulers with justice, comfort the afflicted, and gather the lost unto Thy Son. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come to the holy Table of our Lord Jesus Christ must consider what Saint Paul writeth: Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. Therefore if any be a blasphemer of God, an hinderer of His Word, malicious, envious, adulterous, covetous, drunken, or living in manifest sin without repentance, let him not presume to come.

Yet if any be weak in faith and mourneth for sin, let him not be afraid; for Christ calleth not the righteous but sinners to repentance.

The minister readeth the institution, breaketh the bread, and giveth the cup.

Minister. Take, eat; this is the communion of the Body of Christ.

Minister. Drink ye all of this; this is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

After Communion, a Psalm is sung and thanksgiving is made.

Form of Marriage

The minister instructeth the couple concerning the institution of marriage, their mutual duties, and the covenant before God. They pledge faithfulness until death. The minister prayeth that their house be ordered by God's Word.

Visitation of the Sick and Burial

The minister comforteth the sick with Scripture, exhorteth to repentance and faith, prayeth for mercy, and, if desired, administereth Communion. At burial, the resurrection of Christ is proclaimed and the body committed to the earth in hope.

Heidelberg and Dutch Reformed Baptism and Supper Forms

Catechetical Opening

Catechist. What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

People. That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not mine own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious Blood hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivereth me from the power of the devil.

Baptismal Form

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, Baptism witnesseth that we and our children are conceived and born in sin, and therefore cannot enter the Kingdom of God unless we be born again. Yet God in mercy receiveth His people into His covenant and sealeth His promise with the sign of water.

Parents and sponsors are asked whether they confess the Christian faith, desire Baptism for the child, and promise to instruct the child in the doctrine of the Gospel.

Minister. N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O almighty and eternal God, we thank Thee that Thou hast forgiven us and our children all our sins through the Blood of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and received us through Thy Holy Spirit as members of Thine only-begotten Son. Govern this child by Thy Spirit, that he may be piously and religiously educated, grow in the Lord Jesus Christ, and acknowledge Thy fatherly goodness and mercy. Amen.

Lord's Supper Form

Beloved in the Lord, attend to the institution of the holy Supper. Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said: Take, eat; this is My Body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me. Likewise He took the cup, saying: This cup is the New Testament in My Blood.

Let every man examine himself. First, let him consider his sins and curse himself for them, that he may abhor himself and humble himself before God. Secondly, let him examine whether he believeth the sure promise of God, that all his sins are forgiven only for the sake of the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Thirdly, let him examine whether he purposeth henceforth to show true thankfulness to God and to walk uprightly before Him.

Come then, ye who repent and believe. The bread which we break is the communion of the Body of Christ. The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

O faithful God and Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast given us Thy Son as Mediator and sacrifice, and hast nourished us with Him unto eternal life. Grant that by Thy Holy Spirit this Supper may strengthen us in faith and charity. Amen.

Reformation Ordination and Installation Rites

Ordination of Ministers of Word and Sacrament

The candidate is presented by the Church. The bishop or superintendent examineth him concerning his call, doctrine, life, knowledge of Holy Scripture, preaching of the Gospel, administration of the sacraments, pastoral care, and discipline.

Ordainer. Dost thou believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation?

Candidate. I do.

Ordainer. Wilt thou preach Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments according to His institution, pray for the flock, catechize the young, comfort the afflicted, rebuke error, and live as an example?

Candidate. I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Veni Creator or another hymn to the Holy Ghost is sung.

The laying on of hands followeth.

Ordainer. Receive authority for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Church of God. The Lord pour upon thee His Holy Spirit, that thou mayest be faithful in doctrine, holy in life, diligent in prayer, patient in suffering, and bold in the Gospel. Amen.

Installation of Readers, Catechists, Elders, and Deacons

The candidates are presented. The minister instructeth them that all ecclesiastical service is under Christ and His Word. They promise faithfulness, humility, and obedience to the doctrine and discipline of the Church.

Minister. Receive this ministry in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Serve not for pride or gain, but for the edification of Christ's people.

People. We receive these servants and will pray for them.

Reformation Collects, Exhortations, and Household Prayers

For the Pure Preaching of the Word

Blessed Lord, give to Thy Church faithful ministers who preach not themselves but Christ Jesus the Lord. Keep them from error, pride, fear, and flattery; and make Thy Word fruitful in all who hear it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Catechumens

O Lord, teach those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, or Communion. Open their hearts, strengthen their faith, and join them to Thy Church in repentance and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Frequent Communion

O Savior Christ, who hast called Thy people to Thy holy Table, make us hunger for the bread of life and thirst for the cup of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Reform and Renewal

Reform Thy Church, O Lord, not according to the pride of man, but according to Thy Word and Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Deliverance from Superstition

O Lord Jesus Christ, deliver us from all superstition, empty ceremony, false confidence, and spiritual pride. Teach us to worship in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Schools and Catechism

O Lord, bless all schools, catechists, teachers, parents, and children. Let Thy Word be learned, loved, believed, and obeyed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Missions

O Christ, Lord of the harvest, send labourers into Thy harvest. Open doors for the Gospel, gather the scattered, and establish faithful congregations in every place. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Household Prayer

Bless this household, O Lord. Let Thy Word dwell here richly, let prayer be constant, let forgiveness be practised, and let Christ be honoured in all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A General Exhortation to the People

Beloved in Christ, hold fast the Gospel once delivered unto the saints. Hear the Word of God gladly. Receive the Sacraments reverently. Pray daily. Forgive freely. Serve the poor. Teach your children. Honour the Church. Resist the devil. Trust not in your own righteousness, but wholly in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ.

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Source Note

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Episcopal Authorization of the Reformation Appendix

This Full Reformation Liturgies and Rites Appendix is added to the Book of Common Prayer of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America for review, catechesis, pastoral use, liturgical study, and authorized parish or mission celebration.

Given under our hand and seal,

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