



THE DIVINE LITURGY  
OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS  
**JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

✠ IN THE BYZANTINE RITE ✠

AS REVISED FOR USE IN THE  
ECUMENICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH  
IN AMERICA

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PRESERVED IN ANCIENT ORDER  
PROCLAIMED IN EVANGELICAL TRUTH  
CELEBRATED IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS  
TO THE GLORY OF THE FATHER,  
AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.



✠ ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH ✠

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# **The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom Revised for the Byzantine Rite of The Ecumenical Protestant Church in America**

*Complete Text Edition with Full Liturgical Texts, Ceremonial Rubrics, and Directions for Priest,  
Deacon, Servers, Choir, and People*

## **Imprimatur and Pastoral Authorization**

Authorized for Byzantine Rite communities, missions, parishes, chaplaincies, and ecclesiastical jurisdictions of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, subject to the doctrine, discipline, and pastoral oversight of Archbishop Andrew Michael.

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## Doctrinal and Ceremonial Preface

This Divine Liturgy preserves the received order, ceremonial dignity, chant structure, and Byzantine ethos of the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom while conforming all doctrine and worship to Holy Scripture, the Ecumenical Creeds, and the evangelical and catholic faith professed by the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

The Holy Eucharist is confessed as a true sacramental communion in the Body and Blood of Christ according to His institution. It is not a repetition of Calvary, nor a new propitiatory sacrifice for sin. Christ offered Himself once for all upon the Cross. In the Divine Liturgy the Church offers praise, thanksgiving, prayer, self-oblation, and remembrance, and the faithful receive the fruits of Christ by faith.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is honored as Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord according to the flesh, and as the preeminent model disciple. The saints are honored as faithful witnesses of Christ. Worship, prayer, and mediation are directed to God through Jesus Christ alone, the one Mediator between God and humanity.

*Rubric. Icons, incense, vestments, candles, processions, bows, chant, and solemn ceremonial are retained as aids to reverent Christian worship. They are never to be treated as objects of worship, magical instruments, or substitutes for faith, repentance, charity, and obedience to the Gospel.*

## Opening Blessing

*Rubric. The priest stands before the Holy Table. The Gospel Book rests upon the Holy Table. The deacon stands before the Holy Doors. The servers stand quietly with candles. The people stand.*

**Deacon:** Bless, Master.

*Rubric. The priest kisses the Holy Gospel, lifts it with both hands, lowers it, and blesses the Holy Table cross-wise.*

**Priest:** Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Great Litany

*Rubric. The deacon chants the petitions clearly from the appointed place. The people respond with full voice. If there is no deacon, the priest says the litanies.*

**Deacon:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the peace from above, for the salvation of our souls, and for the pure preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all Christians in the truth of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For this holy house, and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, repentance, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, for Archbishop Andrew Michael, for all bishops, priests, deacons, minor orders, catechists, ministers, missionaries, parishes, missions, and all faithful people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the President of the United States, for all civil authorities, for those who serve in public trust, and for peace, justice, mercy, and protection of the vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For seasonable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, for honest labor, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick, the suffering, the poor, the lonely, the imprisoned, the tempted, the grieving, and all who desire the mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, necessity, sin, error, and unbelief, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos, the apostles, martyrs, fathers, reformers, teachers, and all faithful witnesses of Christ, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** O Lord our God, whose power is incomparable, whose glory is incomprehensible, whose mercy is immeasurable, and whose love for mankind is beyond telling: look down upon us and upon this holy house. Grant us the riches of Thy mercy, not through any mediator beside Christ, but through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The First Antiphon

*Rubric. The people or choir chant the antiphon. The priest prays quietly at the Holy Table. Servers remain still and attentive.*

**People:** Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art Thou, O Lord.

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## The Little Litany after the First Antiphon

**Deacon:** Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos, and all faithful witnesses of Christ, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve Thy Church in the truth of the Gospel. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house, and forsake us not who put our trust in Thee alone. For Thine is the majesty, and Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Second Antiphon

**People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises unto my God while I have being. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departeth, he returneth to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. The Lord shall reign forever; Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

**People:** Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and wast crucified, who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us.

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## The Little Litany after the Second Antiphon

**Deacon:** Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos, and all faithful witnesses of Christ, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** O Thou who hast given us grace with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt be in the midst of them: fulfill now, O Lord, the petitions of Thy servants as may be best for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. For Thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Third Antiphon: The Beatitudes

*Rubric. The people stand. The priest and deacon prepare for the Little Entrance.*

**People:** In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your

reward in heaven.

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## The Little Entrance

*Rubric. The priest and deacon bow three times before the Holy Table. The priest gives the Gospel Book to the deacon. Candles and incense may precede the Gospel. The people stand and bow as the Gospel passes.*

**Deacon:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** O Master, Lord our God, who hast appointed in heaven orders and hosts of angels and archangels for the service of Thy glory: grant that with our entrance there may be an entrance of holy angels, serving with us and glorifying Thy goodness. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Deacon:** Bless, Master, the holy entrance.

**Priest:** Blessed is the entrance of Thy holy Gospel, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**Deacon:** Wisdom. Let us attend.

**People:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

*Rubric. On feasts, appointed troparia and kontakia may be sung, provided that all hymnody confesses Christ according to Scripture and does not invoke saints as mediators.*

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## The Trisagion

**Priest:** O holy God, who restest in the saints, who art hymned by the Seraphim with the thrice-holy cry, glorified by the Cherubim, and worshiped by every heavenly power: receive from us sinners the thrice-holy hymn. Forgive us every transgression, voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and enable us to serve Thee in holiness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Lord. For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**People:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

*Rubric. The clergy bow before the Holy Table. The people remain standing. The traditional Eastern sign of the Cross may be made.*

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## The Epistle

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Deacon:** Wisdom.

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the appointed tone.

**People:** The appointed Prokeimenon is sung.

**Deacon:** Wisdom.

**Reader:** The reading is from the appointed Epistle.

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

*Rubric. The reader chants or reads the Epistle appointed for the day. The people may sit for the Epistle unless local custom appoints standing.*

**Priest:** Peace be unto thee, reader.

**People:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## The Holy Gospel

*Rubric. The people stand. Incense may be offered before the Gospel. Servers stand with candles near the Gospel Book.*

**Priest:** Illumine our hearts, O Master who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to understand Thy Gospel teachings. Plant in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all sinful desires, we may walk in newness of life, both thinking and doing those things that are pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Deacon:** Bless, Master, the one who proclaims the good tidings of the holy Apostle and Evangelist.

**Priest:** May God, through the Gospel of His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, enable thee to proclaim the glad tidings with great power, to the edification of His Church.

**Deacon:** Amen. Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**People:** And to thy spirit.

**Deacon:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint \_\_\_\_.

**People:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

*Rubric. The appointed Gospel is chanted or read.*

**Priest:** Peace be unto thee who hast proclaimed the Gospel.

**People:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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## The Sermon

*Rubric. The people sit. The sermon shall be preached from Holy Scripture, in conformity with the Gospel of grace, the ancient Creeds, and the doctrine of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America. It shall not teach invocation of saints,*

*merit apart from grace, or any sacrifice for sin except the once-for-all offering of Christ.*

**Priest or Deacon:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Preacher:** The sermon is preached.

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## The Litany of Fervent Supplication

**Deacon:** Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** O Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness; we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for Archbishop Andrew Michael, for all bishops, priests, deacons, minor orders, catechists, ministers, missionaries, and all faithful people of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for civil authorities, for peace, justice, mercy, and the protection of the vulnerable.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for the sick, the suffering, the poor, the lonely, the imprisoned, the tempted, the grieving, and all who desire the mercy of God.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for those who bring offerings, those who labor, those who sing, those who teach, and all the people here present who await Thy great and rich mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** O Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication of Thy servants, and have mercy upon us according to the multitude of Thy mercy. Send down Thy bounties upon us and upon all Thy people, who await the rich mercy that cometh from Thee. For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Litany for the Departed

*Rubric. This litany may be used at weekday liturgies, funerals, memorial observances, or pastoral occasions. It is omitted on Sundays unless the Archbishop or priest appoints otherwise. The departed are commended to God's mercy through Christ alone.*

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness; we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for the repose of Thy servant or servants \_\_\_\_\_, departed this life in the hope of the resurrection, and that God would remember them in mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That the Lord God would comfort all who mourn, strengthen them with the hope of the resurrection, and keep them in the faith of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** O God of spirits and of all flesh, who hast trampled down death and given life to the world through Thy Son Jesus Christ: receive, according to Thy mercy, Thy servant or servants \_\_\_\_\_, and grant unto all who mourn the sure hope of the resurrection. For Christ is the Resurrection and the Life, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Litany for the Catechumens

**Deacon:** Pray to the Lord, ye catechumens.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Let us, the faithful, pray for the catechumens, that the Lord may have mercy on them.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That He may teach them the Word of truth.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That He may reveal to them the Gospel of righteousness.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That He may unite them to His holy, catholic, and apostolic Church through faith and Holy Baptism.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help them, save them, have mercy on them, and keep them, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Bow your heads unto the Lord, ye catechumens.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** O Lord our God, who dwellest on high and regardest the humble of heart, who hast sent forth Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world: look down upon Thy servants the catechumens. Make them worthy in due time of the laver of regeneration, the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Unite them to Thy holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and number them with Thy flock. That with us they may glorify Thy all-honorable and majestic Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

*Rubric. In missions where catechumens remain for instruction, the dismissal may be omitted. Where the ancient dismissal is retained, it is done reverently and without implying exclusion from the grace of hearing the Gospel.*

**Deacon:** All catechumens, depart; or remain in reverent prayer according to pastoral direction. Let us, the faithful, again and again in peace pray unto the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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## The First Prayer of the Faithful

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** We thank Thee, O Lord God of hosts, who hast accounted us worthy to stand before Thy holy altar and to call upon Thy mercy. Cleanse us from our sins by the blood of Christ, renew us by Thy Holy Spirit, and grant that we may offer unto Thee acceptable worship, with reverence and godly fear.

**Deacon:** Wisdom.

**Priest:** For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Second Prayer of the Faithful

**Deacon:** Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all Christians in the truth of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Again and oftentimes we fall down before Thee, O God who lovest mankind, that looking down upon our petition Thou wouldst cleanse our souls and bodies from all defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant us to stand blameless before Thy holy altar. Grant also to those who pray with us growth in life, faith, repentance, love, and spiritual understanding, that they may partake without condemnation of Thy holy Mysteries.

**Deacon:** Wisdom.

**Priest:** That guarded always by Thy might, we may ascribe glory unto Thee: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Cherubic Hymn

*Rubic. The people stand. The priest and deacon cense the altar, icons, clergy, and people. The choir sings slowly and reverently. The people lay aside all earthly care. Servers accompany the censuring with candles where customary.*

**People:** Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside all earthly cares.

**Priest, silently:** No one bound by the desires and pleasures of the flesh is worthy to approach or draw near or serve Thee, O King of glory. Yet through Thine unspeakable love for mankind, Thou didst become man without change or alteration, and as our great High Priest didst commit unto Thy Church this ministry of Word and Sacrament. Make me, Thy sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to stand before this holy table and minister the sacred mystery of the Body and Blood of Thy Christ. For Thou alone art holy, and Thou alone art the Offerer and the Offering, the Receiver and the Received, O Christ our God; and unto Thee we ascribe glory, with Thy Father and Thy Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**People:** That we may receive the King of all, who cometh invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## The Great Entrance

*Rubic. The priest and deacon bring the Gifts from the Table of Preparation to the Holy Table. The people stand in silence, bowing the head as the Gifts pass. The procession is solemn but not theatrical.*

**Priest:** May the Lord God remember in His Kingdom Archbishop Andrew Michael, all clergy and ministers of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America, the faithful of this parish, the sick, the suffering, the poor, the departed in Christ, and all who seek the mercy of God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest, placing the Gifts on the altar:** The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and laid it in a new tomb. In the tomb with the body and in paradise with the thief, and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit, wast Thou, O boundless Christ, filling all things.

*Rubic. The priest covers the Gifts and censes them.*

**Priest:** Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion; build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with praise, thanksgiving, and hearts offered unto Thee through Jesus Christ.

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## The Litany of Supplication

**Deacon:** Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the precious Gifts now offered in praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions through Jesus Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** All things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** That we may complete the remaining time of our life in faith, repentance, and peace, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** A Christian ending to our life, peaceful and faithful, and a good answer before the judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos, and all faithful witnesses of Christ, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** O Lord God almighty, who alone art holy, who acceptest the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon Thee with their whole heart: accept also the prayer of us sinners. Enable us to offer unto Thee these Gifts, and with them ourselves, not as a new sacrifice for sin, but as thanksgiving for the one sacrifice of Christ once offered for all. Make us worthy to find grace in Thy sight, that our worship may be acceptable unto Thee, and that the good Spirit of Thy grace may dwell upon us, upon these Gifts here offered, and upon all Thy people. Through the mercies of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Peace

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**People:** And to thy spirit.

**Priest:** Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess:

**People:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

*Rubric. The clergy may exchange the kiss of peace. In parish use, the people may bow to one another and say, Christ is in our midst. The response is, He is and shall be.*

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## The Nicene Creed

**Deacon:** The doors, the doors. In wisdom, let us attend.

**People:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages: Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the 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. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Rubric. The people stand facing East if possible and recite the Creed together in a strong, reverent voice.*

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## The Anaphora

**Deacon:** Let us stand aright. Let us stand with fear. Let us attend, that we may offer the holy oblation in peace.

**People:** A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

**People:** It is meet and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

**Priest:** It is meet and right to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to praise Thee, to give thanks unto Thee, and to worship Thee in every place of Thy dominion; for Thou art God ineffable, incomprehensible, invisible, everlasting, and eternally the same, Thou and Thine only-begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit. Thou didst bring us from nothing into being, and when we had fallen didst raise us up again through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thou didst not cease to do all things until Thou hadst brought us unto Thy heavenly Kingdom. For all these things we give thanks unto Thee, and unto Thine only-begotten Son, and unto Thy Holy Spirit: for all things known and unknown, manifest and hidden; and we thank Thee for this holy liturgy, which Thou hast graciously permitted us to offer before Thee.

*Rubric. The deacon fans the Gifts reverently. Bells may be rung at the Sanctus according to local custom.*

**People:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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## The Institution Narrative

**Priest:** With these blessed powers, O Master who lovest mankind, we also cry aloud and say: Holy art Thou and all-holy, Thou and Thine only-begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit. Holy art Thou and magnificent is Thy glory. Thou so lovedst the world that Thou gavest Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Who, when He had come and fulfilled all the dispensation for us, in the night in which He was betrayed - or rather gave Himself up for the life of the world - took bread into His holy, pure, and blameless hands; and when He had given thanks and blessed it, and sanctified it, and broken it, He gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying:

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

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Likewise after supper He took the cup, saying:

**Priest:** Drink ye all of this: this cup is the New Covenant in My Blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Memorial Acclamation and Offering

**Priest:** Remembering therefore this saving commandment, and all those things which have come to pass for us: the Cross, the Tomb, the Resurrection on the third day, the Ascension into heaven, the Session at the right hand, and the glorious Second Coming: Thine own of Thine own we offer unto Thee, on behalf of all and for all.

**People:** We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord. And we pray unto Thee, O our God.

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## The Epiclesis

*Rubric. The priest and deacon bow before the Holy Table. The people kneel where customary, or stand in profound reverence. Silence should be maintained except for the appointed responses.*

**Priest:** Again we offer unto Thee this reasonable and bloodless worship, and we ask Thee, and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee: send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts here offered.

**Priest:** And grant that this bread may be unto us the communion of the Body of Thy Christ.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** And that which is in this cup, the communion of the Blood of Thy Christ.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Making us one in faith, one in love, and one in the fellowship of Thy Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Rubic. The Ecumenical Protestant Church in America confesses that the Eucharist is a true communion in the Body and Blood of Christ according to His institution. The Eucharist is not a repetition of Calvary, for Christ offered Himself once for all upon the Cross. In this holy mystery the faithful truly partake of Christ sacramentally through faith, receiving grace, spiritual nourishment, and communion with the risen Lord.*

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## The Intercessions

**Priest:** That they may be unto those who partake for the purification of soul, the forgiveness of sins, the communion of the Holy Spirit, growth in grace, perseverance in faith, and life everlasting. Again we offer unto Thee this reasonable worship for all who have departed this life in the faith of Christ: patriarchs, prophets, apostles, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, pastors, teachers, reformers, missionaries, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith. Especially we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos, the mother of our Lord according to the flesh.

**People:** It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify thee.

**Priest:** Remember, O Lord, Thy Church throughout the world. Preserve her in the truth of Thy Gospel. Strengthen all bishops, priests, deacons, ministers, catechists, missionaries, and faithful people. Remember Archbishop Andrew Michael and all pastors who rightly proclaim the Word of Thy truth. Remember all civil authorities. Grant peace, justice, mercy, and good order among the nations, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Remember the poor, the suffering, the sick, the persecuted, the imprisoned, the lonely, and those in any trouble. Remember travelers by land, sea, and air. Remember all who bring offerings and all who labor in Thy Church. And grant that with one mouth and one heart we may glorify Thy all-honorable and majestic Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** And the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

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## The Litany before the Lord's Prayer

**Deacon:** Having remembered all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For the precious Gifts offered and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That our God, who loveth mankind, receiving them upon His holy, heavenly altar, may send down upon us His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** All things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** That we may complete the remaining time of our life in faith and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** A Christian ending to our life, peaceful and faithful, and a good defense before the judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Having asked for the unity of the faith and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** And make us worthy, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call upon Thee, the heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

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

**Priest:** For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## Preparation for Communion

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**People:** And to thy spirit.

**Priest:** Bow your heads unto the Lord.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** We give thanks unto Thee, O King invisible, who by Thy immeasurable power hast made all things, and by the greatness of Thy mercy hast brought all things from nonexistence into being. Look down from heaven, O Master, upon those who have bowed their heads unto Thee. Distribute these Gifts unto all of us according to the need of each: sail with those who sail, travel with those who travel, heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, strengthen the weak, and preserve Thy Church in peace and truth. Through the grace and compassion and love toward mankind of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and

ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

*Rubric. The priest makes three low bows before the altar, saying silently: O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy upon me. The priest elevates the Holy Bread.*

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Priest:** Holy things are for the holy.

**People:** One is Holy. One is the Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**People:** Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## The Fraction and Clergy Communion

*Rubric. The priest breaks the Lamb reverently.*

**Priest:** Divided and distributed is the Lamb of God, divided yet not disunited; ever eaten yet never consumed; sanctifying those who partake thereof.

**Priest:** The fullness of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

*Rubric. The clergy communicate first. During clergy communion the choir may chant Psalm verses, communion hymns, or sacred silence may be kept.*

**Priest:** I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. I believe also that this holy mystery is truly the communion of Thy Body and Blood according to Thy promise. Therefore I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, of word and deed, committed knowingly and unknowingly; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy holy Mysteries, unto the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. Amen. Of Thy mystical supper, O Son of God, receive me today as a communicant. I will not betray Thy mystery, nor give Thee a kiss as Judas did, but like the thief I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom. May the communion of Thy holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment nor condemnation, but to the healing of soul and body.

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## Communion of the Faithful

*Rubric. The Royal Doors are opened. The faithful come forward prayerfully and reverently. Baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are reconciled with the Church, and are prepared to receive the Sacrament may communicate according to EPCA discipline.*

**Deacon:** In the fear of God, and with faith, draw near.

**People:** Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself unto us.

**Priest:** The servant or handmaid of God \_\_\_\_\_ partakes of the holy Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, unto the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

**People during Communion:** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Rubric. After all have communicated, the priest returns the Holy Gifts to the altar. The people stand.*

**People:** We have seen the true Light. We have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true Faith. Worshiping the undivided Trinity, who hath saved us.

**Priest:** Blessed is our God,

**People:** Always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**People:** Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Thy glory; for Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life-giving Mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness, that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## The Litany of Thanksgiving

**Deacon:** Let us attend. Having partaken of the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-giving, and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks unto the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Asking that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** We thank Thee, O Master who lovest mankind, Benefactor of our souls, that Thou hast made us worthy this day of Thy heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Strengthen us in Thy truth. Establish us in Thy Gospel. Increase in us faith, hope, and charity. Guard our life, make firm our steps, and preserve Thy Church in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. For Thou art our sanctification, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## The Prayer before the Ambo

**Priest:** Let us depart in peace.

**People:** In the Name of the Lord.

**Deacon:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** O Lord, who blessest those who bless Thee and sanctifiest those who trust in Thee: save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Thy Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house. Give peace to Thy world, to Thy churches, to Thy ministers, to all civil authorities, and to all Thy people. For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from Thee, the Father of lights; and unto Thee we ascribe glory,

thanksgiving, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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## Final Blessing and Dismissal

**Priest:** The blessing of the Lord be upon you through His grace and love toward mankind, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

**People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father, bless.

**Priest:** May Christ our true God, who rose from the dead, through the prayers and witness of His most pure Mother, the holy apostles, Saint John Chrysostom, and all the saints, have mercy upon us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

**People:** Amen.

*Rubic. The faithful may venerate the Cross and receive blessed bread after the dismissal. The priest and servers return to the sanctuary in silence.*

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## Appendix I: Complete Ceremonial Rubrics

### *General Principles*

The Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated with reverence, dignity, clarity, and pastoral charity. Ceremonies are intended to elevate the mind toward God and proclaim the Gospel visibly. No ceremony shall obscure the once-for-all saving work of Jesus Christ. The Holy Table shall remain the visual center of the liturgy. The people are active participants through prayer, chant, responses, silence, reverence, and reception of Holy Communion.

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### *Priest*

The priest shall celebrate as servant of Christ and steward of the mysteries of God. He shall maintain reverence at the Holy Table, pronounce all audible texts clearly, pray silently where appointed, preach faithfully from Scripture, and avoid haste, theatricality, irreverence, superstition, or doctrinal innovation.

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### *Deacon*

The deacon directs the litanies, assists the priest, censes, proclaims the Gospel when appointed, and guides the people in reverent participation. He faces the people during petitions and faces the altar during prayers. His voice should be clear, solemn, and paced for congregational response.

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### *Servers*

Servers shall wear proper vesture, maintain silence, carry candles reverently, assist with incense and processions, bow at the Holy Name of Jesus, and avoid idle movement or conversation. They shall never place secular objects on the Holy Table.

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### *People*

The faithful shall stand, sit, kneel, bow, sing, and respond according to the rubrics and local custom. They are encouraged to sing the responses, make the sign of the Cross, bow during solemn moments, listen attentively to Scripture and sermon, prepare for Communion with repentance and faith, and remain in thanksgiving after receiving.

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### *Postures*

The people stand for the opening blessing, litanies, Little Entrance, Gospel, Creed, Anaphora, Lord's Prayer, Communion, Thanksgiving, and final blessing. They may sit for the Epistle and sermon. They may kneel or bow profoundly during the Epiclesis and before Communion according to local custom.

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### *Incense*

Incense symbolizes prayer ascending before God, reverence, sanctification, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The altar may be incensed before the liturgy, at the Gospel, during the Cherubic Hymn, at the Great Entrance, and at other solemn moments. The people may be incensed as temples of the Holy Spirit.

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### *Icons*

Icons may be displayed on the iconostasis, lecterns, in processions, and in devotional areas. They are honored as visual proclamations of the Gospel and reminders of the communion of saints. Icons are honored, not worshiped.

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### ***Communion Discipline***

Those admitted to Communion should be baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ, are spiritually prepared, reconciled with the Church, and not under discipline. Children may commune according to EPCA pastoral discipline. Communion is ordinarily administered under both kinds, with reverence and without haste.

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### ***Fasting and Preparation***

The faithful are encouraged to fast before Communion according to health, age, and pastoral prudence. Confession, reconciliation, repentance, forgiveness of others, and prayer are fitting preparations for the Holy Mysteries.

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### ***Music and Chant***

The liturgy is preferably sung. Byzantine chant, Slavic chant, English plainsong, Gregorian chant, and reverent congregational settings may be used. Music shall support prayer, teach sound doctrine, and avoid theatricality.

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### ***Reservation of the Sacrament***

The Sacrament may be reserved for the sick, shut-ins, and emergencies. The reserved Sacrament is not exposed for adoration apart from Communion ministry.

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### ***Language***

The liturgy may be celebrated in English, Greek, Church Slavonic, Latin, or another approved vernacular. The Gospel and sermon should be intelligible to the people.

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## **Appendix II: Preparatory Prayers before the Divine Liturgy**

### ***Prayer before Vesting***

O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest of Thy Church, who hast called unworthy servants to minister Thy Word and Sacraments: cleanse me from all sin, illumine my mind, sanctify my soul, and grant that I may stand before Thy holy altar with reverence, faith, humility, and love. Let me not serve for vainglory or pride, but as a faithful steward of Thy mysteries and a shepherd of Thy flock. For Thou art holy, and unto Thee belong all glory, honor, and worship, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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### ***Sticharion***

My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation and covered me with the robe of righteousness.

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### ***Epitrachelion***

Blessed is God, who poureth out His grace upon His priests, as oil upon the head descending unto the beard of Aaron.

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### ***Zone***

Blessed is God, who girdeth me with strength and maketh my way blameless.

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### ***Epimanikia***

Right Hand: Thy right hand, O Lord, is glorified in power; Thy right hand hath shattered the enemy. Left Hand: Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

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### ***Phelonion***

Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy saints shall shout for joy.

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### ***Prayer before the Proskomedie***

O God our Father, who gavest Thy Son Jesus Christ for the life of the world: bless these gifts of bread and wine, which shall be set apart according to His institution for the communion of His Body and Blood. Grant that all who partake may receive this holy mystery in faith, repentance, charity, and thanksgiving. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **Appendix III: The Proskomedie**

### ***General Rubric***

The Proskomedie may be celebrated publicly before the people, quietly before the liturgy, or in simplified form in mission settings. The preparation is symbolic and devotional, not sacrificial apart from the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ.

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### ***Preparation of the Bread***

The priest takes the prosphora and cuts the Lamb reverently, saying: As a sheep led to the slaughter, and as a spotless lamb before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. The Lamb is placed upon the diskos. The priest says: The Lamb of God is sacrificed once for all for the life of the world and for its salvation.

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### ***Piercing of the Lamb***

The priest pierces the Lamb with the spear, saying: One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came forth blood and water; and he that saw it bare witness, and his witness is true.

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### ***Pouring of Wine and Water***

Blessed be the union of wine and water, signifying the blood and water flowing from the side of Christ, and the union of Christ with His people.

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### *Commemorations*

A particle may be placed in honor and memory of the blessed Theotokos, Mary the Virgin, mother of our Lord according to the flesh. Particles may also be placed for apostles, martyrs, evangelists, reformers, pastors, missionaries, faithful witnesses, the living, and the departed in the hope of resurrection.

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### *Covering of the Gifts*

The priest covers the Gifts with veils and censes them, saying: O God, our God, who didst send forth the heavenly Bread, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world: bless this preparation and receive it upon Thy heavenly altar.

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## **Appendix IV: Communion Devotions**

### *Prayer before Holy Communion*

I do not presume to come to this Thy holy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. I am 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 me therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that my sinful soul and body may be cleansed, strengthened, and renewed by His life-giving presence. Amen.

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee that Thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Assure us thereby of Thy favor and goodness toward us, and grant that we may continue in that holy fellowship which is the Body of Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, courage, faith, and love, to serve Thee with gladness and singleness of heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **Appendix V: Paschal Material**

### *Paschal Troparion*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

### *Paschal Greeting*

Leader: Christ is risen! People: Indeed He is risen!

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## **Appendix VI: Marian Feasts and Devotions in the EPCA**

The EPCA honors the Blessed Virgin Mary as Theotokos, as Ever-Virgin according to ancient Christian tradition, as the model disciple, and as blessed among women. The Church rejects Marian worship, Marian mediation independent of Christ, and any doctrine that obscures justification by grace through faith.

### *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. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. Amen.

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## **Appendix VII: Guidance for Mission Churches**

In mission contexts the liturgy may be abbreviated only by episcopal or pastoral authorization. The Anaphora, Words of Institution, Epiclesis, Lord's Prayer, Communion, and Thanksgiving shall never be omitted. Outdoor liturgies may be celebrated with a dignified altar covering and sacred vessels. Livestreamed liturgies may serve shut-ins, missions, evangelization, and catechesis, but virtual participation does not replace sacramental presence for Holy Communion except in extraordinary pastoral circumstances determined by the Archbishop.

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## **Final Episcopal Declaration**

This revised Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is authorized for use within the Byzantine Rite communities, missions, parishes, chaplaincies, and ecclesiastical jurisdictions of the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America. It preserves the ancient liturgical heritage of Eastern Christianity while conforming all doctrine and worship to Holy Scripture, the Ecumenical Creeds, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the evangelical and catholic faith professed by the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

**+ Andrew Michael  
Archbishop  
Ecumenical Protestant Church in America**

**Glory to Jesus Christ forever. Amen.**