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ST. PATRICK'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Holy Eucharist

WORSHIP GUIDE

# For Our Guests...

**Welcome to Saint Patrick's Church!** We are honored that you are joining us for worship today. In addition to this Worship Guide, you will need the Weekly Sheet. Both the Worship Guide and Weekly Sheet can be found at the Welcome Table in the foyer.

**Following along in worship is quite easy here at Saint Patrick's. Our weekly handout contains songs, scripture readings and announcements unique for today. We use the weekly handout for the first part of the service – from the beginning through the sermon. Then we switch to the worship guide until the blessing. All one needs to know to follow the liturgy in the Worship Guide is this: if it is printed in bold we all say it together. If it is not printed in bold someone up front will say it. It's that simple!**

You will notice some unique things about our worship. Much of our service contains written prayers and responses. Our service is like this because we want worship to be something we do together. Some feel that scripted prayers and responses are not genuine expressions of prayer and worship. Our understanding is different. We think of them as we think of well-known hymns and worship songs. The more one sings a great hymn – like Amazing Grace – the more that song becomes one's own expression of worship. The more we pray the prayers in our worship, the more they become our own and actually help our worship become more meaningful.

Our pastors wear vestments – a white robe and a strip of cloth called a stole. They do this to help us have a sense of the sacred as we worship. They also wear vestments as a sign of their dependence on Christ. The only thing that makes them worthy of standing before the congregation is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The white robe is a symbol of being clothed with Christ.

## **Children**

Saint Patrick's offers a number of opportunities for children during our worship. Infants through age 2 are welcome to go to our nursery. Our nursery is staffed and available during the whole worship service.

We offer Children's Church for preschool and early elementary aged children (3 yrs through 4th grade). Just before the scripture readings, the children are dismissed for an age-appropriate time of scripture study and worship. We use the Godly Play curriculum, which is designed for a mixed age group in one room. We find this curriculum works excellently for giving our kids a child friendly time of worship and bible study. After Children's Church, the children return to the service in time for Holy Communion. Children's Church goes on break during the summer months. During that season, we invite Children's Church age kids to stay in the worship service with their parents. Baptized children may receive Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents.

### **The Sign of the Cross**

Throughout the liturgy you will notice this symbol (✠). This indicates a place in the service where it is traditional to make the sign of the cross. If you desire to join in this practice, you simply make the sign by touching your forehead, your heart, your left shoulder and then your right shoulder. Like kneeling or raising your hands, the sign of the cross is another physical way of worshipping God. The sign is a way of remembering that we come to God only because of the finished work of Christ and as a way of expressing that we trust in and cling to the cross of Jesus. However, if you prefer, feel free to not make the sign.

### **Holy Communion**

At Saint Patrick's, we celebrate Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper every week. All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are not yet a Christian or have not been baptized you are warmly invited to receive a prayer from the minister as a way of participating in the communion. Simply come forward at the time of communion and cross your hands over your heart to receive one sentence prayer of blessing with these words, May the Lord bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. You are also welcome to remain in your seat if that is your preference. Children who have been baptized are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

There are two ways to receive communion; by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup), or by eating the bread and then sipping from the common cup.

Please feel free to participate at your own pace. Join where you would like to join and refrain where you want to refrain. We are simply honored that you are with us today.

### **Prayer Ministry**

During Holy Communion we have a Prayer Team available to pray for you and with you about any concern you have. We will give more directions about this wonderful ministry before we receive the Lord's Supper.

**Please join us for fellowship following the worship service.**

To save paper and printing costs, we re-use our Worship Guides from week to week. Please return your Worship Guide to the Welcome Table after the service. Thank You!

# The Liturgy of the Word

*We use the weekly handout for the first part of the service – from the beginning through the sermon. Then we switch to the worship guide until the blessing.*

## Opening Acclamation *(congregation please stand)*

*Our worship begins by remembering why we are here: to worship and bless the Triune God and to ask him to prepare our hearts to worship him rightly.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: (✠) Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Lent*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Easter Day through Pentecost*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## The Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Summary of the Law

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

## The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.  
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The celebrant, our priest, prays a short prayer (pronounced kaw-lect) that captures the theme of the day's worship.*

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you  
People **And also with you**

*We honor God by reading his Word. We do so not primarily as a preparation for the sermon, but as an act of worship in its own right and as a way to hear the living voice of Christ in the scriptures.*

## The Lessons

**The Old Testament** *(please see weekly handout)*

**Psalm** *(please see weekly handout)*

**The New Testament** *(please see weekly handout)*

*We stand for the Gospel to remember that Christ is present with us and to remind us that all scripture brings us to Christ.*

*The sermon, or homily, is a commentary on the day's readings that seeks to apply them to our life as a congregation.*

*The Nicene Creed is a summary of the Christian faith composed early in the 4th Century A.D. We say the creed to worship God by joyfully affirming our faith in what he has done for us in Christ. As we say this creed, we join with Christians throughout the world and throughout history who have affirmed the life-changing truths found herein.*

*The word catholic means universal. When we confess belief in the catholic Church we mean the universal Church made up of all Christians that believe in the true Christian faith. Catholic is not a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.*

*Jesus has ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. One of the things he does while in heaven is pray for the world and for the Church. Now, we join our prayers to the prayers of Jesus as he intercedes for the world and the Church by praying for the kinds of things the risen and ascended Christ is praying for.*

## The Gospel

**The Gospel Reading** *(please see weekly handout)*

## The Sermon

**The Nicene Creed** *(congregation says in unison; please stand)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** *(congregation please stand)*

**Leader** Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader** For Foley, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader** For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader** For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader** For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially President Biden, Governor Beshear and the Mayors of the Bluegrass. Lord, in your mercy:

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader** For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

**People Hear our prayer.**  
Celebrant For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:  
**People Hear our prayer.**  
Celebrant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(Here we offer our own prayers and concerns we bring with us to worship. Everyone is invited to pray. Simply say your prayer out loud ending with the phrase "Lord in your mercy." The congregation will join in and agree with your prayer by saying "hear our prayer.")*

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**People Amen.**

*Our worship continues in prayer by a confession of sin. It comes at this point of the service as we draw closer to the Communion table and an increasing awareness of the Lord's presence in our midst.*

*Our confession is general to remember that we are sinners in need for forgiveness apart from any specific sins we need to confess.*

*The priest stands and declares absolution or words of forgiveness. This is a concrete and audible way of declaring God's promise that he always forgives when we confess our sin to him.*

## Confession and Absolution of Sin *(congregation sits or kneels)*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words

Celebrant Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15



If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.  
1 John 2:1-2

*We visibly and physically express the truth that we are at peace with God and each other because of what Christ has done for us. This is more than a time of greeting, it is a time to speak the actual peace of Christ (who is with us) to each other.*

## The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

## Announcements

# The Liturgy of Holy Communion

## The Offering *(congregation is seated)*

*We bring our tithes and offerings at this point in our service as an act of worship and as part of the offering we make of ourselves through Holy Communion.*

**All** 1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*or All* 2. All things come of thee O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.

*or All* 3. We will take what you offer we will live by word. We will love one another and be led by you Lord.

## The Offertory *(congregation is seated)*

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,  
People **And of your own have we given you.**

*In the liturgy we "go to heaven" to join in the worship of the heavenly temple. In this prayer we remember this and actually lift our hearts to the heavenly places.*

## The Sursum Corda *(congregation please stand)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty.

*(Proper Preface)*

*The priest recites this story as part of a prayer and not as an address to the people. The "remembrance of me" has a broad meaning. We do not only remember the Last Supper or even Christ's passion and death but the whole of the scriptural story, which is embodied in Jesus, the Savior that God has sent.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say / sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

*This is the song that the Bible says is sung perpetually in the presence of God (Isaiah 6/Revelation 4).*

- All**            **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
(✠)Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**
- or All*            **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.  
(✠) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna; hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna; hosanna in the highest.**
- or All*            **Holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, holy;  
Holy is the Lord, God al-mighty.  
Holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, holy;  
(✠)Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*Those in the congregation may now either choose to remain standing or may instead kneel. Either posture is a traditional way of showing reverence during The Great Thanksgiving.*

## The Prayer of Consecration *(All are invited to stand or kneel)*

*In this prayer we begin by summarizing God's work of salvation that culminates in the work of Jesus Christ.*

**Celebrant**    **Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.**

*The priest recites the words of Jesus at the last supper in obedience to his command to remember him in this supper.*

**On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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."**

*We summarize the breadth of this remembrance of Jesus by acclaiming the Christ's death, resurrection, and return: the foundations upon which all other aspects of the Gospel are built.*

**Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."**

**Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:**

**All**            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All** **AMEN**

**Celebrant** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*Now we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We are disciples and we boldly declare this to be true by offering this prayer to the Father.*

**All** **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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Fraction

*We break the bread to visibly remind us that Jesus was broken for us that we might be restored to God and made one body in him.*

**Celebrant** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!  
**All** **People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

*or*

**Celebrant** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
**All** **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*or* **All** **This is Jesus; Emmanuel. God is with us in this sacrament. Come receive him; adore him. This is Jesus our Lord.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access

**All** **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## The Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**People have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**People have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**People grant us your peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Our priest will give directions on how to come and receive the elements. You will also find details regarding how to receive Holy Communion on page 2 of this Worship Guide.*

## The Communion

### The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

**All Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*Once we have all received Holy Communion, we pray this prayer to affirm that Christ has fed and strengthened us in Holy Communion and that we would ask him to empower us to move back into our world as his faithful band of disciples.*

### The Blessing (✠)

### Song of Dismissal *(please see weekly handout)*

### The Dismissal *(The dismissal changes seasonally. See weekly handout.)*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*or*  
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*or*  
Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*or*  
Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*or*  
Deacon Let us bless the Lord.  
**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The concluding acts of worship speak to us one last time of the service's theme and God's blessing, leading to a dismissal that calls us to a liturgy of life where we love and serve the Lord in the coming week.*

*(omit alleluias in Lent)*

