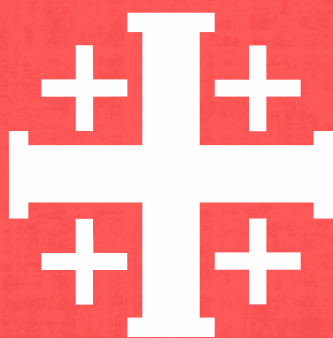




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Service of Holy Communion

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Introduction

Each Sunday, we gather to enter the holy & transforming presence of God through Word, worship, prayer, and the Lord's Supper. This liturgy is an invitation to experience God personally, participate fully with the community of faith, and be strengthened for life in the world. As you follow along, reading aloud the **bold text**, you will notice short annotations throughout this booklet—these notes briefly explain the prayers, Scripture readings, and parts of the service to help you engage more deeply and understand what is happening at each moment. Whether this is your first time or part of your lifelong journey, you are warmly invited to join in, listen, pray, and encounter Christ here at His Table.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Before service begins, the candles on the altar are lit, representing the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and that Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12)

THE ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

For Advent

In the season of Lent

Surely the Lord is coming soon. Bless the Lord who forgives
Amen. Come Lord Jesus! all our sins.

For Christmastide

**His mercy endures for
ever.**

For unto us a child is born,

Unto us a son is given.

For Holy Week

Blessed be our God.

Epiphany

I will make you as a light for
the nations,

**That my salvation may
reach to the end of the
earth.**

Now and for ever. Amen.

Easter tide

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
**The Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia!**

Declaring why we
have gathered to
God and each
other.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray,

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.

Collectively acknowledging our need for help in order to truly worship God.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Reminding us that our lives are to be defined by love for God and others.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Asking for mercy, as we routinely fail to love God and others.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Songs Appointed from the Hymnal

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

The Leader prays the Collect.

Amen.

Expressing our collective hope for what God will do amongst us today.

Reading from
different parts of
the Bible because
it is one coherent
story and we
desire to hear
God speak to us
through his Word
today

The Gospel
Reading
proclaims the life,
teachings, and
saving work of
Jesus Christ,
calling us to hear,
believe, and
follow Him.

THE LESSONS

First Reading

A Reading from _____.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

*Read as a responsive reading. Leader reads the odd verses,
the People reespond with the even verses.*

Second Reading

A Reading from _____.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Song Appointed from the Hymnal

THE GOSPEL

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

The Gospel Alleluia may be sung

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to _____.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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 Creed is a declaration of our shared faith, affirming the truths of God's Word and the work of Jesus Christ for our salvation.

The Nicene Creed, first composed at the Council of Nicaea in 325 and expanded at Constantinople in 381, is the historic confession of the universal Church, clearly affirming the full divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit, and uniting Christians in proclaiming the Triune God, the Church, baptism, resurrection, and life everlasting.

The Prayers of the People lift up the needs of the Church, the world, and one another, inviting God's care, guidance, and mercy in our lives.

In the Confession and Absolution, we acknowledge our sins before God and receive His forgiveness, cleansing our hearts and restoring our relationship with Him. This time of honest reflection reminds us of God's mercy and renews our commitment to live according to His will.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Respond to each petition with; **Hear our prayer***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

The comfortable words are then read by the Leader

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Just as Christ has made peace between us and God, He has likewise made us agents of His peace for the world around us. We extend this peace by saying, “peace be with you”, and responding with, “and also with you” You are now invited to extend the peace with your neighbors.

The peace is now shared amongst the People

THE OFFERTORY

As the Offerings are being brought, the Doxology is sung.

If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you are a regular attender or member, please give your offering in the plate, mail it to 13 N Howard. Ave. Croswell MI 48422, or online at www.croswellfmcchurch.com As always, thank you for your great generosity and kind support.

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, **And of your own have we given you.**

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

Preparing for communion by sharing the peace of Jesus with each other. It is not a time to catch up or chat, but to reconcile rifts, and extend the peace of Christ to those around us.

Reflecting God's generosity by freely giving away our resources

The Sursum
Corda (“Lift
up your
hearts”)
invites the
congregation
to lift their
hearts and
minds to God
in joyful
thanksgiving
and worship.

The Sanctus is
a song of
praise joining
with heaven to
proclaim
God’s holiness
and glory.

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and
everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*An appropriate line of prayer for the season is said by
the leader*

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

THE SANCTUS

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.

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.”

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.”

Retelling the story of redemptive history, we remember the wonderful mystery of God coming to us in Jesus to give his life for our redemption and the renewal of all things.

The Mystery
of Faith
proclaims the
saving work of
Christ—His
death,
resurrection,
and promised
return—
inviting us to
trust and
celebrate His
victory.

Honoring
God, seeking
his agenda,
asking for
provision,
forgiveness
and
deliverance,
and
remembering
he is in
control.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we
are bold to pray:

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.

THE FRACTION

[Alleluia.]* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

**Alleluia is omitted during Lent*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Leader and People together pray

We do not presume to come to this your table, O 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 whose character is always to have 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 Fraction is the breaking of the bread, reminding us of Christ's body broken for us and our unity as His people.

The Prayer of Humble Access asks God to prepare our hearts to receive Christ in the sacrament with reverence, faith, and thanksgiving.

The Agnus Dei acknowledges Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, and invokes His mercy and peace.

THE AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew.

Like guests leaving a feast, we thank our host and prepare to go back out into the world to labor for his kingdom.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 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.

HYMN OF SENDING

Appointed from the Hymnal

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

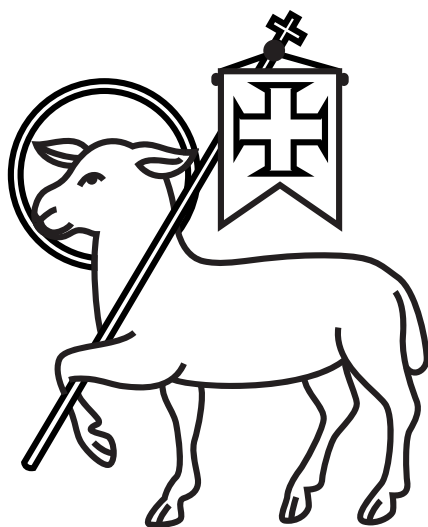
THE DISMISSAL

Respond to the dismissal with:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia*

**Alleluia is omitted during Lent*

The Blessing and Dismissal sends us into the world with God's peace and strength. Our worship does not end here—we go to live out His love, share His mercy, and carry the light of Christ into our homes, work, and community.



Ite, missa est

Prayer Service

For Morning &
Evening Prayer

Adapted from Morning & Evening Prayer of
the 2019 Book of Common Prayer

Introduction to Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning and Evening Prayer are daily services that invite us to begin and end each day in the presence of God. Rooted in the historic Anglican tradition, these offices help us shape our lives around Scripture, prayer, and praise.

Morning Prayer offers a time to awaken our hearts to God, to hear His Word, and to dedicate the day to His purposes. It includes readings from the Psalms and Scriptures, prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, and opportunities to reflect on God's presence in our lives.

Evening Prayer provides a peaceful close to the day, giving space to reflect, confess, and offer thanks. It turns our minds and hearts to God's faithfulness, helping us rest in His care and trust.

Together, these offices guide us into a rhythm of daily worship, reminding us that all of life — ordinary and extraordinary — belongs to God. They are a doorway into the ongoing story of salvation and a shared practice that unites the Church across time and space.

OPENING SENTENCE

An opening sentence of Scripture is read by the Leader

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your 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 apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we ask him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INVITATORY

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

SONG OF WORSHIP

Appointed song from the hymnal

THE APPOINTED PSALM

At the end of the Psalm the Gloria Patri is said;

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

One or more portions of Scripture, as appointed, are read.

A Reading from _____.

The Lesson is read

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

One or more additional prayers are lifted up by the Leader

Intercessions & thanksgivings are openly invited to be lifted up

CLOSING SONG

Appointed from the hymnal

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Leader then concludes with a sentence of Scripture

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish for eternity.

This is the true Christian faith, that we worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God without confusing the Persons or dividing the divine substance.

For the Father is one Person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but there is one Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, equal in glory and coequal in majesty.

What the Father is, that is the Son and that is the Holy Spirit: the Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated; the Father is unlimited, the Son is unlimited, the Holy Spirit is unlimited; the Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal; and yet They are not three Eternals but one Eternal, just as there are not Three Who are uncreated and Who are unlimited, but there is One who is uncreated and unlimited.

Likewise the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord, and yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

For just as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or three Lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten by anybody. The Son was not made or created, but was begotten by the Father. The Holy Spirit was not made or created or begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son. Accordingly there is one Father and not three Fathers, one Son and not three Sons, one Holy Spirit and not three Holy Spirits.

And among these three Persons none is before or after another, none is greater or less than another, but all three Persons are coequal and coeternal, and accordingly, as has been stated above, three Persons are to be worshiped in one Godhead and one God is to be worshiped in three Persons. Whoever wishes to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

It is also necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became man, for this is the right faith, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at once God and man: He is God, begotten before the ages of the substance of the Father, and He is man, born in the world of the substance of His mother, perfect God and perfect man, with reasonable soul and human flesh, equal to the Father with respect to his Godhead and inferior to the Father with respect to His manhood.

Although he is God and man, He is not two Christs but one Christ: one, that is to say, not by changing the Godhead into flesh, but by taking on the humanity into God, one, indeed, not by confusion of substance but by unity in one Person. For just as the reasonable soul and the flesh are one man, so God and man are one Christ, Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated on the right hand of the Father, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all men shall rise with their bodies and give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will go into everlasting fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Unless we believe this firmly and faithfully, we cannot be saved.

THE DECALOGUE

God spoke these words and said:

I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

You shall not murder

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

You shall not commit adultery

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

You shall not steal

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

You shall not covet

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

Why Anglican Liturgy?

Anglican liturgy offers a time-tested, ordered pattern of worship that draws believers into a deeper encounter with God. Its structure—Scripture readings, prayers, creeds, and the Lord's Supper—helps the congregation focus on Christ, participate fully in the prayers of the Church, and connect with the historic global Church. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was profoundly shaped by the Anglican liturgy. Through its rhythms and disciplines, he experienced God's grace, learned to order his own life in holiness, and discovered the means by which the Church nurtures faith, formation, and devotion over time.

For us as Free Methodists today, liturgical worship continues to provide a framework that nurtures spiritual growth, holiness, and community. The liturgy shapes our hearts and minds, helping us slow down, enter God's presence, and participate fully in worship—even amid the busyness and distractions of modern life. It forms us into a people of prayer, reflection, and faithful living, connecting us to generations of believers who have gone before. By embracing Anglican liturgical patterns, we experience a balance between heartfelt, personal devotion and communal, Christ-centered worship, allowing Scripture, sacraments, and the historic rhythms of the Church to shape and sustain our faith in the world today.

Beyond the worship service itself, liturgy can shape our daily lives. Its rhythms teach us to carry prayer, Scripture, and thanksgiving into the routines of our week, reminding us that holiness is not only experienced in the sanctuary but lived in every interaction, decision, and act of service. The repeated patterns of liturgy—prayers of confession and gratitude, readings of God's Word, and the call to live in Christ's name—form habits of the heart, guiding believers to grow in grace, wisdom, and love. In this way, liturgical worship is not only a weekly experience but a lifelong formation that equips the Church to live faithfully in the modern world.

The Lectionary

Our worship follows the rhythm of the Church liturgical calendar, guided by the ACNA Daily Office and Sunday lectionary. To help us stay rooted in this pattern, we use www.liturgical-calendar.com — an online tool that shows the daily readings, seasons, and feast days that shape our common life.

The ACNA lectionary offers a gift to the Church:

- It lets us walk more steadily through Scripture, hearing the Bible in its own flow and context.
- It keeps the Old Testament central, reminding us of God's covenant faithfulness that finds its fulfillment in Christ.
- It emphasizes the great story of salvation, drawing us deeper into God's truth for faith and life.

By following this calendar together, we are invited to hear more of God's Word, trace His promises across the whole of Scripture, and be shaped by the story that makes us His people.

Liturgical Calendar

