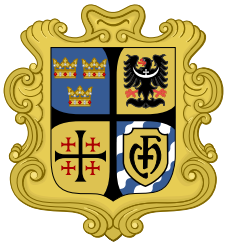
Lutheran liturgy of Holy Communion



St. Christopher's Lutheran Parish
in Wrocław

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in the Republic of Poland – Polish-English Edition (2015).

The Ten Commandments

for Church Service Participants

according to "Strażnica Ewangeliczna", 1940s

I

Come to church on time, preferably before the bell rings for the beginning of the service, for the sound of the bells and the organ music are also part of the worship.

II

Before the first hymn, take a moment to gather your thoughts in silent prayer, listening to the organ or reading the words of the hymn. You are in church not to look around or to be seen, but to be spiritually edified.

III

Sing as the organist plays, and let your singing be full of strength and deep, heartfelt emotion.

IV

Pray and participate together with the liturgy; it is not a mere formula to be listened to, but a sacred act of worship performed by your heart.

V

Listen attentively to the organ prelude. It seeks to attune your heart and your hearing to the tone of the upcoming hymn. Read the words of that hymn.

VI

Receive the sermon as the Word of God clothed in an earthly, imperfect form. Direct the words of the sermon to yourself, not to others.

VII

The memorials of the deceased and the parish announcements are not mere notices: they are a fragment of parish life illuminated by the Word of God proclaimed each Sunday. They remind you vividly that the life of a Christian is life in community. Receive them with folded hands and a prayerful heart.

VIII

Pray the Lord's Prayer together with the pastor, with full inner devotion. The prayer will bring you blessing not when you only listen to it, but when you sincerely pray it.

IX

Give your offering generously during the collection; it is a sign that the service has edified you. Do not give ostentatiously. For the faithful in church the words apply: "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." (Matthew 6:3)

X

Do not engage in idle conversation when leaving the House of God. By doing so you turn the holy day once more into an ordinary one. Yet you surely wish to take the blessing of Sunday with you into your home and keep the Lord's Day holy.

Attending church does not in itself determine a person's piety, but a devout Christian attends worship out of an inner, deeply felt and conscious need.

Divine Service with Holy Communion

Abbreviations:

P Priest
L Lector
O Organist
A All

BELLS

PRELUDE

OPENING RITES

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: **Amen.**
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
A: **Who made heaven and earth.**

PARISH NOTICES

OPENING HYMN

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In silence, let us confess our sins before the Lord.

— silence —

P: And now, humble yourselves before the face of God; kneeling, confess your sins to Him with a contrite heart, saying together with me:

Those who confess their sins kneel.
A: **Almighty God, merciful Father! I, poor, miserable, sinful man confess before you all my sins and wrongdoings, committed in thought, word, and deed, with which I have deserved your present and eternal punishment. I regret them honestly and with all my heart, and for your incredible mercy and for the innocent and bitter death of your beloved Son Jesus Christ I ask be merciful and kind to me, unworthy and sinful man, forgive me all my sins and help me through the power of Your Holy Spirit to make my life better. Amen.**

P: Do you repent of your sins?
A: **I do repent.**

P: Do you believe in the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ?
A: **I believe.**

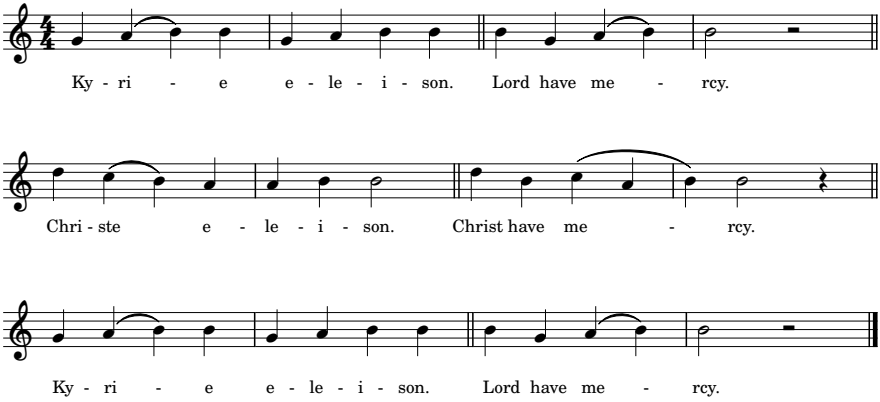
P: Do you desire to amend your life with the help of the Holy Spirit?
A: **I do.**

P: As you believe, so let it be for you! Our Lord Jesus Christ said to his apostles: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and his holy Gospel, I proclaim God's grace to all who repent, and by the Lord's command I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
A: **Amen.**

HYMN

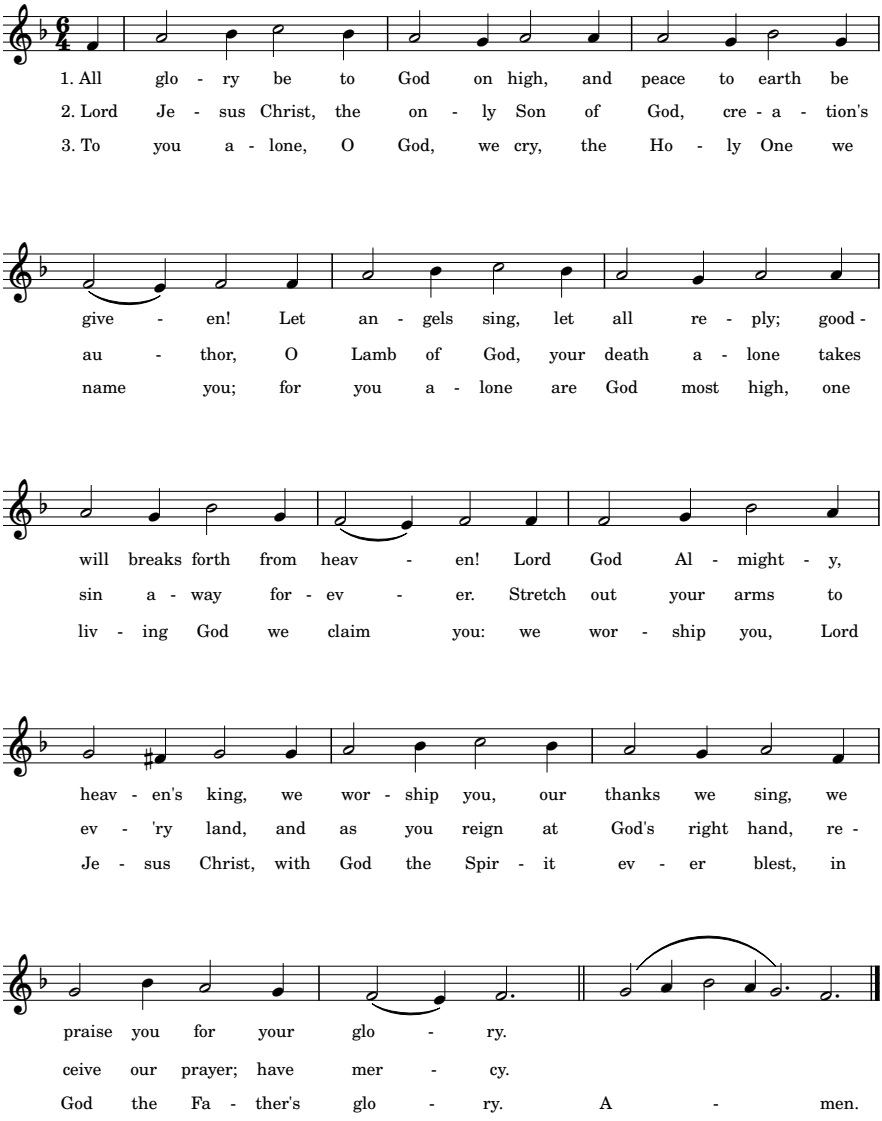
LITURGY OF THE WORD

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Omitted in Advent and Lent (except on Maundy Thursday)
and in funeral services.



P: The Lord be with you.
A: **And also with you.**
P: Let us pray. (Collect of the Day)

BIBLE READING

First reading (Old Testament)
L: This is the Word of the Living God.
A: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading (Epistle)
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
A: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)
L: The holy gospel according to…
A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
A: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

SERMON

HYMN AFTER THE SERMON

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P: And now, let us confess our faith.
P/A: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God**

of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church (Intercessions)

P: Let us pray for the holy Church, for pastors and all the faithful, that in unity they may confess the faith and bear witness in love.
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
A: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray for those who govern and all authorities, for peace and justice in the world.
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
A: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray for the afflicted, the sick and all in need, and for those who serve them.
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
A: **Hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.
A: **And also with you.**

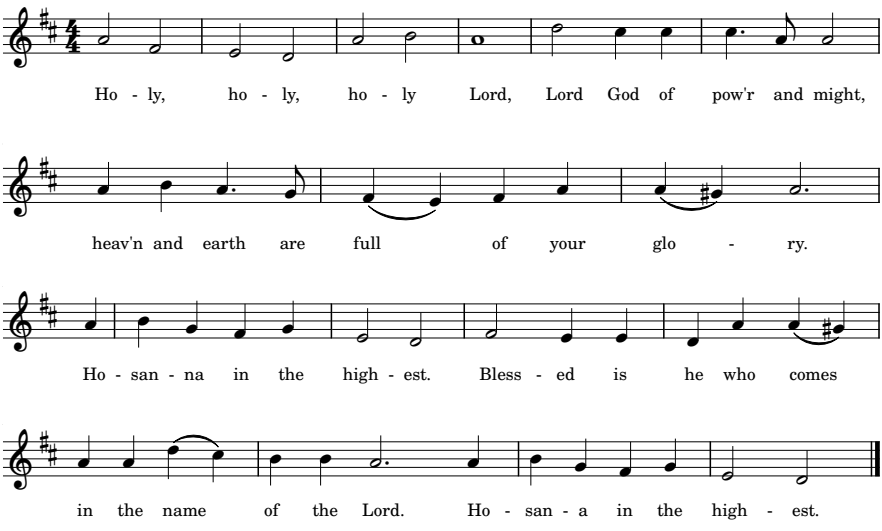
P: Lift up your hearts!
A: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: **It is truly right and just…**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary…

SANCTUS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P/A: **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

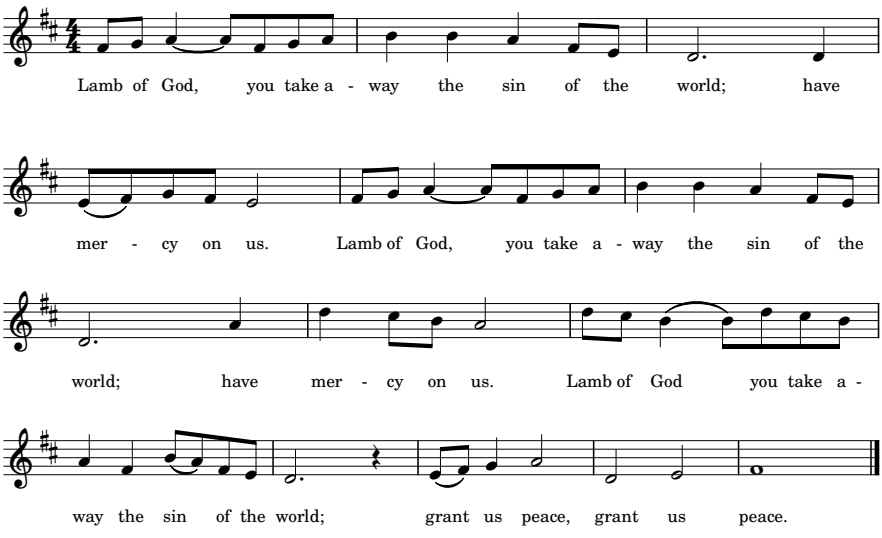
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ANAMNESIS

P: The Lord's peace be always with you!
A: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

P/A: **Peace be with you.**
A: **And also with you.**



AGNUS DEI

P: Come, for all is now ready. Come and see how good the Lord is.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

P: Go in the peace of Christ.
A: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

POSTLUDE

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