

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH  
*Stamford's Anglo-Catholic Parish*

ORDER FOR LOW MASS

**At the Entrance**

*The People stand at the Entrance of the Priest and Server. After placing the veiled chalice upon the altar, the Priest descends the steps for the following prayers of preparation. The Server and People kneel.*

**At the Preparation**

*Priest*           ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will go unto the altar of God.

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

*The following Psalm is omitted at Masses for the Dead.*

*Priest*           Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

*People*           For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

*Priest*           O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

*People*           And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

*Priest*           Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

*People*           O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Priest*           Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;

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

*Priest* I will go unto the altar of God.  
*People* Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.  
*Priest* ☩ Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
*People* Who hath made heaven and earth.

## *Confiteor*

*Then the Priest says the Confession as follows.*

I confess to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary every Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*The Server and People respond saying*

Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *Amen.*

*Then the Server and People say the Confession as follows*

I confess to God Almighty, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Then the Priests says*

Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ☩ absolution, and remission of our sins. *Amen.*

*Priest* Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God.  
*People* That thy people may rejoice in thee.  
*Priest* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
*People* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Priest* O Lord, hear my prayer.  
*People* And let my cry come unto thee.  
*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.

*Ascending the steps, the Priest says*

Let us pray. ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Priest says secretly*

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of holies; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Kissing the Altar, the Priest says secretly*

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy Saints, that it may please thee to forgive us all our sins. Amen.

## ***Introit***

*The Priest goes to the Missal and reads the appointed Introit, returning to the center, Kyrie eleison is said responsively with the Server and People.*

### ***Kyrie, eleison.***

*Priest* Kyrie, eleison.  
*People* Kyrie, eleison.  
*Priest* Kyrie, eleison.  
*People* Christe, eleison.  
*Priest* Christe, eleison.  
*People* Christe, eleison.  
*Priest* Kyrie, eleison.  
*People* Kyrie, eleison.  
*Priest* Kyrie, eleison.

## *Gloria in excelsis*

*When it is appointed, the Priest begins Gloria in excelsis which is said by all.*

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the FATHER Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten SON, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the HOLY GHOST, art most high ☩ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect(s) of the Day.

*Turning towards the People the Priest says*

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*           And with thy spirit.  
*Priest*           Let us pray.

*Then the Priest says one of more Collects as appointed.  
At the conclusion of each, the Server and People respond*

*People*           Amen.

## Epistle

### Gradual ( & Tract, Sequence, Alleluia)

*The People are seated. The Priest reads the Epistle or other Lesson as appointed, followed by the Gradual and Alleluia (the Tract in Lent and at Masses for the Dead). At certain Masses, a Sequence Hymn is also said. At the conclusion of the Lesson the Server and People respond*

*People*           Thanks be to God.

*Bowing, the Priest says the following prayers silently as the Server moves the Missal to the Gospel side of the Altar.*

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, Almighty God, Who didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaiah with a live coal; so of Thy gracious mercy vouchsafe to cleanse me, that I may worthily proclaim Thy Holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT me, O Lord, Thy blessing. The Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily and meekly proclaim His Gospel. Amen.

## The Holy Gospel

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            And with thy Spirit.

*Priest*            The (continuation, beginning) of the Holy Gospel according to ...

*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*The Priest then reads the appointed Gospel after which the Server and People respond*

*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*When it is appointed the Nicene Creed is said by all.*

## The Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*kneel*) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (*rise*) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## At the Offertory

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            And with thy spirit.

*Priest*            Let us pray.

*Then the Priest reads the appointed Offertory.  
Offering the Host, the Priest quietly prays*

RECEIVE, O Holy Father, this spotless Host, which I, Thine unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my living and true God, for my numberless sins, offences, and negligences; for all here present and for all faithful Christians both living and departed, that to me and them it may be profitable for salvation unto life eternal. Amen.

*Mixing water with wine, the Priest prays*

O GOD, who hast wonderfully constituted the dignity of human nature, and still more wonderfully regenerated it: Grant that by the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of his divine nature, who vouchsafed to become a partaker of our human nature, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Offering the Chalice the Priest quietly prays*

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, humbly beseeching thy mercy, that in the sight of thy Divine Majesty it may ascend as an odor of sweetness for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest bows and says*

IN an humble spirit and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted by thee, O Lord, and may our sacrifice be so offered in thy sight this day that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord our God.

*Rising, the Priest says*

COME, Almighty and Eternal God, the Sanctifier, and bless ☩ this sacrifice prepared for thy Holy Name.

*At the washing of the Priest's hands*

I WILL wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar. That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all thy wondrous

works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where thine honor dwelleth. O shut not up my soul with the sinners: nor my life with the bloodthirsty; in whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts. But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the congregations. Glory be...

*The Priest bows before the Altar and prays*

RECEIVE O Holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer thee in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and in honor of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all the Saints, that it may avail to their honor and for our salvation: and may they, whose memory we celebrate on earth, vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Turning towards the People, the Priest says*

*Orate fratres*

*Priest*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*People*

The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And with thy spirit.

*Priest*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Priest*

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

*The Priest says the appointed Preface.*

*Sanctus & Benedictus*

*The Priest, Server and People say together*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The Server and People kneel.*

## Canon of the Mass

*The Priest then begins the Canon of the Mass. At its conclusion the Priest says*

*Priest* . . . O Father Almighty, world without end.  
*People* AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Priest* Let us pray. And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say

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 Priest says the following prayer.*

DELIVER us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with that of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and all thy saints, favorably grant peace in our time, that by the help of thy mercy, we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude; Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, (*here the host is broken*) who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *Amen.*

## Pax

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.

*Placing a small particle of the Host into the chalice, the Priest says secretly*

MAY this mingling and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be unto us who receive it effectual unto life eternal. *Amen.*

## *Agnus Dei*

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*In Masses for the Dead*

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest eternal.

*The Priest continues with the Prayer for Peace (omitted in Masses for the Dead).*

LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

*Preparing to receive the Holy Sacrament, the Priest and People pray together,*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*Preparing to receive the Sacred Host, the Priest bows and says quietly*

I will receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. (*This is said three times.*)

*The Priest uncovers the Chalice and says quietly*

What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

## The Invitation

*Priest* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*People* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. (*This is said three times.*)

*All are welcome to come forward at Holy Communion. After the Priest and Acolytes have received, the people proceed through the Choir to kneel (or stand) before the High Altar at the communion rail. Baptized Christians may receive the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacred Host will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the Chalice is offered. Should you wish to receive by intinction, leave the host on your palm. The Priest will dip it in the consecrated wine and place it on your tongue. If you are not receiving the Sacrament, please cross your arms as the Priest approaches so that a blessing may be said. Returning to the Altar, the Priest performs the ablutions while saying the following prayers quietly.*

GRANT that what we have received with the mouth, O Lord, we may keep with a pure heart; and that from this temporal gift may come unto us life everlasting.

MAY thy flesh which I have taken and thy Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave unto mine inmost soul; and grant that no spot of sin may abide in me, whose meat hath been thine incorrupt and holy sacraments. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

## Communion

*Returning to the Missal at the Epistle Side, the Priest reads the appointed Communion.*

## The Thanksgiving

*Priest* Let us pray.

*The Server and People kneel and say the following prayer of Thanksgiving.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            And with thy spirit.

*Priest*            Let us pray.

*Then the Priest offers the appointed Postcommunion Collect(s).*

## Dismissal

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            And with thy spirit.

*Priest*            The Mass is ended; go in peace.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*In Masses for the Dead*

*Priest*            May the rest in peace.

*People*            Amen.

*Bowing, the Priest says quietly*

LET this my bounden duty and service be pleasing unto thee, O Holy Trinity; and grant that this sacrifice which I, all unworthy, have offered in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto thee; and be for me and all them for whom I have offered it, a propitiation of thy loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## The Last Gospel

*Proceeding to the Gospel side, the Priest reads the Last Gospel. Generally, the following prologue to the Gospel according to John is read unless commemorations require an otherwise omitted Gospel to be read in its place.*

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            And with thy spirit.

*Priest*            The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord.

✠ IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him : and without him was not any thing made that was made : in him was life, and the life was the light of men : and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. the same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name : which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *(Here kneel)*  
**AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US,** *(Here rise)*  
(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## AN ACT OF SELF OBLATION

ACCEPT, O Lord, my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I am and have thou hast given me; and I give all back to thee to be disposed of according to thy good pleasure. Give me only the comfort of thy presence and the joy of thy love; with these I shall be more than rich and shall desire nothing more.

## A PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

I BESEECH thee, most dear Lord Jesu Christ, that thy passion may be my strength, to guard, protect, and defend me: that thy wounds may be my meat and drink, to feed, satisfy, and comfort me; that thy Blood may be sprinkled upon me to the washing away of all my sins: that thy death may be unto me life unfailing, thy Cross my everlasting glory. Herein let me find refreshment, rejoicing, healing, and gladness of heart, O Jesu. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

### *ANIMA CHRISTI*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me,  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy Saints I may praise thee  
For ever and ever. Amen.

