

Holy Eucharist - Rite II (incorporating the 12-Steps) Eucharistic Prayer A

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power. That one is God. May you find Him now! Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked His protection and care with complete abandon. These are the steps we took, which are suggested as a program of recovery:

Step 1: We admitted we were powerless; that our lives had become unmanageable.

Celebrant: 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.*

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

People: *Christ have mercy.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

Step 2: We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant reads the Collect of the Day

People: *Amen.*

Step 3: We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand God.

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:

The First Lesson

Reader: A reading from _____

After the Reading the Reader may say

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from _____

After the Reading the Reader may say

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After the Gospel

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

Litany for Healing

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding

Deacon: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

Reader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

People: *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Reader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of Life.*

Reader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of Life.*

Reader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: Bless physicians, nurses, counselors, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People: *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Reader: You are the Lord who does wonders;

People: *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

Reader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

People: *And in your light we see light.*

Reader: Hear us, O Lord of Life;

People: *Heal us, and make us whole.*

Reader: Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers with the following Collect:

Celebrant: Almighty God, giver of life and health, send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory.

The Decalogue

Leader: Hear the commandments of God to the chosen people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: You shall not commit murder.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Leader: You shall not steal.
People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
Leader: You shall not be a false witness.
People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*
Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Step 5: **Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**

Step 6: **Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

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.

Step 7: **Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Step 8: **Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.**

Step 9: **Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

Healing *All stand.*

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Sentences

Step 10: **Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.**

Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that anyone has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to them and then come and offer your gift. *(Matthew 5: 23-24)*

The Holy Communion

Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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

Celebrant and People

***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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

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

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. ***AMEN.***

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and ever living God, 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 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 for ever. Amen.

Step 12: **Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all affairs.**

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people with these words:

People: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.