Homily
A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

NICENE CREED
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and everlasting God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation; that, with a pure heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.
Amen. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution and then the congregation stands.

The Peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY
Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.
People: And of thine have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee, O Lord, a spiritual and unbloody sacrifice, we trust thou wilt not abhor the oblations of our life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, his holy, hunter, jacks, jeane, janet, jesse, jerry, jessica, jonathan, judy, kay, kelley, ann, ken, kendall, kim, larry, linda, louise, lucy, lynn, malcolm, mabel, margaret, marcia, marisa, marsha, martha, mark, mary, mason, matt, merrill, merrill, michael, michele, miriam, nancy, nathan, nolan, nolan, nancy, nathan, nolan, family, pam, patricia, peggie, pete, phyllis, renee, regine, richard, ricky, robbie, robert, sandy, sara, scott, shane, sharon, spencer, stephen, susie, susan, sylvia, tanya, ted, thomas, tom, van de water family, vicki, vincent, ward, wendi, water family, and those serving our country... Alice, benjamin, christian, clara, eric, george, harold, herbert, john, lorne, luther michael, tommy, and william.

The Lord be with you.

The people respond, And with thy spirit.

For we all share one bread, and one cup.

The people respond, O come, let us adore him.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The congregation begins moving forward to the altar rail as soon as the Celebrant says the words, “The Gifts of God for the People of God.”

COMMUNION
In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, his holy, hunter, jacks, jeane, janet, jesse, jerry, jessica, jonathan, judy, kay, kelley, ann, ken, kendall, kim, larry, linda, louise, lucy, lynn, malcolm, mabel, margaret, marcia, marisa, marsha, martha, mark, mary, mason, matt, merrill, merrill, michael, michele, miriam, nancy, nathan, nolan, family, pam, patricia, peggie, pete, phyllis, renee, regine, richard, ricky, robbie, robert, sandy, sara, scott, shane, sharon, spencer, stephen, susie, susan, sylvia, tanya, ted, thomas, tom, van de water family, vicki, vincent, ward, wendi, water family, and those serving our country... Alice, benjamin, christian, clara, eric, george, harold, herbert, john, lorne, luther michael, tommy, and william.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Toby Penn.

Mildred L. Smyser

Postcommunion Prayer
Almighty and everlasting 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 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.

ADVENT BLESSING
May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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