

A PRIMER
ON
SERIAL EUCHARISTS



ONE LORD,
FAITH,
BAPTISM,
GOD
AND FATHER OF
who IS ABOVE
AND THROUGHOUT
AND IN US ALL



The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary revised schedule positions daily prayer of the community at 10:00 o'clock AM Monday – Friday, with the weekly eucharist on Wednesday, providing approximately 40 minutes for the liturgy. A simple ferial [weekday] pattern has not been either our experience [Thursday evenings tend to replicate the fullness of the Sunday eucharist] or well understood. Neither has the Roman Catholic nor the Episcopal traditions' long experience with a simple, daily eucharist been generally embraced by Lutherans.

A simple, ferial pattern is possible, allowing even in its brevity some degree of flexibility. What is not intended is a truncated, hatchet job of gathering, token reading, homily, and sacrament on the run. Some have tried Evening Prayer with sacrament tacked on, violating the integrity of both liturgical patterns. A standing joke regarding poorly prepared weekday liturgies was the *missa really brevis*: "In the name of the Father, and the ☩ Son, who on the night before he was handed over, took bread, and said, 'Go, the mass is ended!'"

There are, however, fine examples of Lutheran ferial eucharistic orders suitable for the seminary setting and retreats. They are focused, often quiet, but no less reverent for their brevity.

The *Book of Common Prayer* includes a somewhat improvised eucharistic pattern, BCP p. 400f. A rubrical note observes:

***This rite requires careful preparation
by the Priest and other participants.***

Go and do likewise...

*[Italicized, bracketed portions are optional]
A brief order of confession may be included*

[Prelude and gathering song / stanza(s)]

APOSTOLIC GREETING and PRAYER OF THE DAY

A READING; PSALM; GOSPEL; and SERMON / HOMILY

[hymn / stanza(s)]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and PEACE

OFFERTORY and PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

[If Eucharistic Prayer XI (ELW p. 69f./ from Hippolytus' *Apostolic Tradition* which antedates much of the usual material) is used, one proceeds directly from the Dialog to the Prayer – i.e., no Preface or Sanctus]

Preface and Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer [EP V is helpful; it is shorter but Trinitarian in scope: the Eucharistic Prayer is the original credal statement of the liturgy, *not* a recited creed].

Our Father in heaven...

DISTRIBUTION [*with hymns*]

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

[A brief hymn / song of Thanksgiving]

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

[Postlude]

AUTUMN SEMESTER 2010 SCHEDULE

NB: There are three **7PM** Thursday evening eucharists scheduled in the Autumn semester. Four are scheduled in the Spring 2011 semester. Unless a commemoration or festival is appointed on the Christ Chapel calendar, the usual pattern is to use the propers from the previous Sunday for the Wednesday/Thursday liturgies. Commemorations which fall on a given Wednesday but may be considered optional are bracketed.

Wednesday, 8 September, Ferial Eucharist

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

St. Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, 9 September, Opening Eucharist, Welcome, Baptism

ST. PETER CLAVER PROPERS

Isaiah 58:1-12

Ps 1

II Corinthians 2:20b – 6:10

St. Matthew 5:13-20

Wednesday, 15 September

Exodus 32:7-14

OR

I Timothy 1:12-17

Psalm 51:1-10

St. Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday, 22 September

Amos 8:4-7

OR

I Timothy 2:1-7

Psalm 113

St. Luke 16:1-13

Wednesday, 29 September, St. Michael & All Angels

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

OR

Revelation 12:7-12

Psalm 103:1-5; 20-22

St. Luke 10:17-20

Wednesday, 6 October [William Tyndale]

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

OR

II Timothy 1:1-14

Psalm 37:1-9

St. Luke 17:5-10

Wednesday, 13 October

II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

OR

II Timothy 2:8-15

Psalm 111

St. Luke 17:11-19

Wednesday, 20 October, Reading & CPE Day / Healing Rite at 7:00 PM

Thursday, 21 October, 1st Communion; Apt Naming

ST. LUKE PROPERS

Isaiah 43:8-13 OR Isaiah 35:5-8

Psalm 124

II Timothy 4:5-11

St. Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

Wednesday, 27 October

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 [Alt: Sirach 35:12-17]

OR

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Psalm 84:1-7

St. Luke 18:9-14

Wednesday, 3 November

ALL SAINTS PROPERS

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

OR

Ephesians 1:11-23

Psalm 149

St. Luke 6:20-31

Wednesday, 10 November

Job 19:23-27a

OR

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Psalm 17:1-9

St. Luke 20:27-38

Wednesday, 17 November [Elizabeth of Hungary]

Malachi 4:1-2a

OR

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Psalm 98

St. Luke 21:5-19

Wednesday, 24 November

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Wednesday, 1 December

CHRIST THE KING PROPERS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Thursday, 2 December, I Advent A, Baptism ?

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

St. Matthew 24:36-44