

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

in the City of New York

REQUIEM EUCHARIST ORDER OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTORY RITE

As the Procession enters the church from the ambulatory, the People stand.

The Celebrant may say

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Celebrant says

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.*

Here is said

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Or the Celebrant may enter reading the Burial Sentences

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel. The Celebrant says the Collect(s)

People Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people sit. A lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A reading from _____.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Then, all standing, the Deacon of the Eucharist reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Intercessions

The Celebrant says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. *Amen.*

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. *Amen.*

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. *Amen.*

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. *Amen.*

The following petitions in italics may be omitted at the discretion of the Celebrant

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Amen

Help us we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Amen

Grant us grace to entrust N(N) to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. Amen

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Grant to all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and with Saint Mary, the Mother of God, Blessed Thomas (Blessed NN) and all thy saints to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Or the Celebrant may read the following prayers

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend thy servant N. our dear Brother, as into the hands of a merciful Savior, beseeching thee that he may be precious in thy sight. Wash him, we pray thee, in the blood

of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that, whatsoever defilements *he* may have contracted in the midst of this earthly life being purged and done away, *he* may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy *and* grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace
All stand

The Celebrant says to the people

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.

Facing the Altar the Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface for the Dead

The Celebrant continues

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People
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 people kneel.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer to which the people respond: AMEN.

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
The following is said

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,
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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant them rest everlasting.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

The people may join in saying this prayer

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Alternatively, these prayers may be said

Grant we beseech thee, almighty and merciful God: that the souls of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, for whom we have now offered unto thee this sacrifice praise, may by thy mercy attain to the blessedness of eternal light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Remember thy servant(s) O Lord, according to the favor which thou barest unto thy people; and grant that, increasing in the knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Celebrant May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
People Amen.