



Worship at Holy Spirit

We are the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

At Holy Spirit, our worship is centered around the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our order of worship is found in the Book of Common Prayer, and is the traditional service of the Episcopal Church. It is structured in a way that centers us on how our relationship with Jesus should be like.

A Call to Worship: Christ calls us...

As we gather each Sunday morning, we begin our services with a song and the procession of the Cross into the sanctuary. In this time we celebrate being called into a relationship with God and with our Lord. We pray together in thanks for the marvelous works God has done, and sing praises to the glory of God.

The Liturgy of the Word: Christ teaches us...

During our worship service we have four readings from scripture, and listen to a reflection on how they can be meaningfully applied in our lives today. Following the sermon, we have a chance to respond to what we've heard in our prayers for the world, the church, and those in need. We also ask for the forgiveness of our sins. This portion of our worship is to confirm the teachings of Christ for his disciples, and for us. An important part of that is that we are in a right relationship with each other, and with our neighbors, and so each week we pass the Peace. The Peace of the Lord be with you!

The Liturgy of the Table: Christ died for us...

Following the passing of the peace, we prepare ourselves for the Holy Eucharist. This begins as we bring our sacrifices and the elements of the Eucharist (bread and wine) to the Altar. We offer ourselves by lifting our hearts and singing "Holy, Holy, Holy", and our priest recites the words of Christ as he prepared for his own Last Supper. These are the Eucharistic Prayers. At this point many people may be kneeling, or standing... either is fine. When the prayers are finished we join

together in saying the Lord's prayer, and then gather around the Altar rail to participate in the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

After Communion: Christ sends us into the world...

Once all of those present that wish to receive communion have done so, our priest prays over us and gives us a blessing. We sing one more song and then are commissioned into the world - to do the works which have been given to us in the service of Jesus Christ. We often share opportunities throughout our ministries about how we can continue our service and worship throughout the upcoming week.

Being Involved in the Worship at Holy Spirit:

Our worship services involve many of our members every week. Our parishioners serve as **Lectors** (readers), **Lay Eucharist Ministers** (LEMs), **Acolytes**, Prayer leaders, and also by singing in the **choir**. Even before and after the service, members of our Altar Guild prepare the altar for worship and upkeep the tools of our worship, like the chalice and altar cloths.

We encourage all of our members to serve in our worship in some way. Children between 4th and 12th grade are invited to serve as our Acolytes. All baptized members can serve as a Lector or Prayer Leader. Becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister requires a few meetings with our priest for the proper training of administering Communion. Everyone is welcome to sing in the choir.

If you would like to participate in one of these ways, contact one of the Worship Ministry Leaders below:

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