

# Downtown 10:30 Worship Protocol

## Traditional

### General:

- This is our most formal service, attractive to those looking for excellence, tradition and reverence in worship.
- The guiding principle of all our worship is that it is the people's work and therefore should involve the **active participation** of the congregation as much as possible.
- Acolytes and assisting ministers will wear vestments.. The presiding minister may wear a chasuble on festival Sundays.
- The organ will be the primary musical instrument, but piano and other instruments may be used instead or in addition to the organ.
- Musical settings of the liturgy will change not more than twice a year.
- Variations in the liturgy will be planned to enhance the differences between the seasons of the Liturgical Year.
- Ideally there will be a choir to lead this service most Sundays.
- There will be acolytes at the service.

### Service:

- A confession of sins will begin the service when there is no baptism scheduled, and whenever the liturgical color is green, but not any time the liturgical color is red or white (festival Sundays).
- The Kyrie will be omitted for the "ordinary" Sundays. When used a cantor will be lead it.
- A hymn of praise will be sung every Sunday except those during Advent and Lent.
- We will use the ELW cycle of Prayers of the Day, revising them when the language is theologically objectionable.
- We will use the ELW three-year lectionary and all three lessons.
- The psalm will be sung each week. It may be replaced by a suitable anthem or hymn. We will use the LBW translations.
- A verse or appropriate music will separate the reading of the second lesson and Gospel.
- The gospel acclamations will be sung before and after the reading.
- On festivals there may be a gospel procession into the center aisle.
- The hymn of the day is chosen to go with the lessons. It may or may not be familiar – this is best place in the service to introduce new hymns.
- Baptisms will take place following the hymn of the day. The Apostles Creed and Prayers will be part of the baptism liturgy.
- The Nicene Creed will be used for the festival portion of the church year and the Apostles' Creed for "ordinary" Sundays and when there are baptisms. The Athanasian Creed may be used on Trinity Sunday.
- The Prayers will be newly composed for each Sunday.
- The peace will be shared by the congregation after it is announced by the presider.
- During the offering there may be special music.
- The Offertory will be sung by the congregation, but may occasionally be a setting sung by a choir.
- The altar will be set for Communion during the offering.
- The Offertory prayer will be led by the Assisting Minister.
- The Great Thanksgiving will include a Eucharistic prayer that praises the Father for Israel, for the Son and through the Holy Spirit. For festive seasons and Sundays it will be more extensive and include more congregational responses than for ordinary Sundays.
- The people will kneel for Communion except during the Easter season.
- The service will conclude quickly after Communion. During the festival seasons there can be a post-communion blessing, the singing of "Lord, now you let" (in the Epiphany season) or

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“Thank the Lord,” then the post-communion prayer and benediction. In non-festival seasons the post-communion blessing and song (Thank the Lord or Lord, now...) will be omitted.

- There will be a final hymn and then the dismissal from the rear of the church by the Assisting Minister.