

Order of Worship Pentecost

This liturgy is shaped according to the ancient and ecumenical liturgical ordo and the Scripture readings assigned in the Revised Common Lectionary:

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b

Second Reading:

Year A 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Year B Romans 8: 22-27

Year C Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel:

Year A John 20: 19-23

Year B John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

Year C John 14: 9-17 [25-27]

Note: On Pentecost the reading from Acts is often substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible. If the reading from the Hebrew Bible is chosen, then Acts: 1-21 (the Pentecost narrative) becomes the Second (Epistle) Reading. The Gospel readings are different on each of the three years in the lectionary cycle, yet they all are promises of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The basic structure of this service is the ordo (Gathering, Penitence, Word, Eucharist, Sending) shared by most liturgical traditions. Where there are denominationally-specific expressions, they are referenced:

Roman Catholic - Missal, Propers of the Mass for Pentecost

Presbyterian - Book of Common Worship, pp. 344-351

Lutheran - Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Any of 10 settings of Holy

Communion, pp. 94 ff. Propers for Resurrection of Our Lord, p. 36

Episcopal - Book of Common Prayer, Order for Eucharist, Rites I (pp. 319 ff) and II (pp. 355 ff)

Methodist - United Methodist Book of Worship, Service of Word and Table I, pp. 33 ff and The Great Thanksgiving for Pentecost, p. 68-69

Gathering

Prelude(s)

And/or **Introit**, Hymn, or Anthem

Roman Catholic: Mass for Pentecost. Entrance Antiphon, followed by Gloria and Collect

Episcopal: Opening sentence(s) followed by Collect, Book of Common Prayer, p. 175 or p. 227

Presbyterian: Opening sentences followed by Prayer of the Day, Litany for Pentecost, pp. 345 ff. Book of Common Order, p. 317.

Lutheran: According to any of the ten settings of Holy Communion in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pp. 94 ff.

*Methodist: According to Service of Word and Table,
United Methodist Book of Worship, pp. 33 ff and Acts of Worship, pp. 406 ff.*

Opening Hymn

Penitence

If there is a prescribed penitential order, it occurs here:

Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, pp. 347-348.

Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, Penitential Order II, pp. 351 ff.

Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 10 settings of Holy Communion, pp. 95 ff

Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, Service of Word and Table, p. 35

A setting of the Kyrie may be sung here.

In some traditions the confession of sin and the peace occur after the prayers of the people and prior to the offering. In others it may take place here, following confession, as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.

***The Peace:**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

All may greet one another with “The Peace of Christ be with you.”

Gloria in Excelsis or Alleluia or a doxology or hymn

Word

Collect for the Day

Roman Catholic: Missal, Collect for Pentecost

Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, Collect for Pentecost, I, p. 175; II, p. 227.

Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 36

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, Acts of Worship for the Day of Pentecost, p. 406
or*

Prayer for Illumination

Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, p. 348

Readings may be introduced and followed by whatever spoken or sung response to the reading of Scripture is customary.

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 *or alternative Old Testament Readings in years A,B, and C*

or

Lector: The First Reading for Pentecost is recorded in the Book of Acts, the 2nd chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.
Listen for the Word of God.

Reading, followed by:

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

The appointment of a portion of a Psalm forms a gradual transition from Old to New Testaments. There are many spoken, choral, and metrical settings.

Or, the Psalm, if spoken in unison or responsively may be followed by the singing of the Gloria Patri.

Second Reading:

Year A 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Year B Romans 8: 22-27

Year C Romans 8: 14-17

Or Acts 2:1-21 if not previously read

Lector: The Second Reading is recorded in the . . . , the . . . chapter, beginning at the . . . verse.

Listen for the Word of God.

Reading, followed by:

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Or whatever spoken or sung response to the reading of Scripture is customary

A procession with the Bible or Gospel Book into the assembly or pulpit/ambo may take place accompanied by a chant or hymn.

Roman Catholic: Missal, Sequence followed by Alleluia

Lutheran: Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

Whatever is customary in the announcement of the Gospel shall be spoken or chanted here.

Gospel:

Year A

John 20: 19-23

Year B John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15
Year C John 14: 9-17 [25-27]

or

Leader: The Gospel is recorded in the Gospel according to John,
 the . . . chapter, beginning at the . . . verse.
 Listen for the Word of God.

Reading, followed by:

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Sermon/Homily

A period of silence may take place, followed by a hymn or anthem.

In some churches Baptism, Confirmation, Reception of Members, and related acts are included on Pentecost and may occur here. If none of these are scheduled, Remembrance of Baptism with sprinkling (asperges) may be included here.

Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, Reaffirmation of Baptism for a Congregation, pp. 435-437; also: "Thanksgiving for Baptism," pp, 74-80, and p. 348.

Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, "Affirmation of Baptism," pp. 234-237.

Methodist: "Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant," pp.111-114.

A doxology may be sung.

Otherwise the assembly may speak or sing one of the creeds in unison as is customary in the assembly.

A hymn or anthem is appropriate here.

Intercessions

In some traditions intercessions are included in the prayers of the Eucharist. Otherwise intercessions occur here in the formats that are customary in the church's practice.

Presbyterian: Book of Common Worship, Day of Pentecost p. 349.

Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, pp. 383 ff.

Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, pp. 407-408

Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 105 or p.127 etc.

Customary concluding prayer response

Eucharist

Offering and Offertory:

Roman Catholic: Missal, Mass for Easter Sunday: Alleluia

Presbyterian: Book of Common Worship, Invitation to the Lord's Table, p. 324

Presentation:

Roman Catholic: Missal, Mass for Pentecost: Prayer over the Offerings

The Great Thanksgiving:

Some liturgical traditions have authorized settings for the Eucharist. Others have optional and/or alternate settings for special seasons and festivals, especially for Pentecost.

Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, pp.349 ff.

Roman Catholic: Missal, Preface of Pentecost followed by Eucharistic Prayer I.

Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Eucharistic Prayer IV in Settings

One and Two are for the seasons of Ash Wednesday through Day of Pentecost.

Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, pp. 68 ff. or pp. 46-50 with Preface for Day of Pentecost

Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayers I or II (Rite I), pp. 333 ff.;

(Rite II) Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C, D pp. 361 -374, with Preface for

Pentecost, p. 347 (Rite I), p. 380 (Rite II)

Offering and Offertory

An anthem may be sung during the receiving of the gifts and a festive doxology or canticle during the presentation. This practice is based on the liturgical understanding that the offertory is a table-setting action to prepare for the Eucharist.

Presentation

Communion

If the Eucharist is not celebrated, a prayer of thanksgiving may be included here.

Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, p. 351

Methodist: The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 408

If Eucharist is celebrated, the liturgy for Pentecost continues after the communion:

Roman Catholic: Missal, Mass for Pentecost, Prayer after Communion

Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, p. 351

Methodist: The United Methodist Book of Worship, Service of Word and Table, p. 39

Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, (Rite I), p. 339; (Rite II) pp. 365-366

Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pp. 114, 136

Sending

Commission and Blessing:

Roman Catholic: Missal, Order of Mass for Pentecost, Final Blessing.

The paschal candle is extinguished.

Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, Blessing and Charge, p. 30, or pp. 151-156

Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 39

Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pp. 114-115, 136-137, followed by

Sending Song (Nunc Dimittis)

Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, pp. 339-340 (Rite I); p. 366 (Rite II)

Or

Choral or customary congregational responses

Hymn or canticle

Leader: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude