

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GORDONSVILLE, VIRGINIA

# CHILDREN’S PRAYER BOOKLET

*Holy Eucharist Rite 2*  
*with Prayers of the People Form III & VI and Eucharistic Prayers A & B*

## INTRODUCTION

The following materials are designed to help the younger members of the parish participate in the worship service. The text of the service found in this booklet is from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1979, and corresponding prayer book pages numbers are periodically listed.

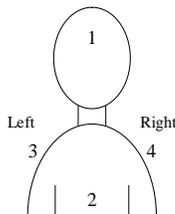
## NOTES ON SELECTED SERVICE MATERIALS

There are two major cycles of feasts and holy days that mark time during the calendar year: the Christmas Cycle (Advent, Christmas, the Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent, Easter, Day of Pentecost). The Sundays in between these cycles of feasts are enumerated either from the number of Sundays after the Epiphany or the number of Sundays after the Day of Pentecost. This time is also known as “ordinary time”.

This booklet is for use during “ordinary time” following the system that the current Priest-in-Charge has implemented. This system uses Prayers of the People Form VI and Eucharist Prayer A during odd number Months (January, March, May, etc.) and Prayers of the People Form III and Eucharist Prayer B during even number months (February, April, June, etc.).

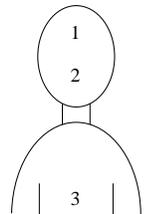
## NOTES ON RITUAL ACTS

There are many traditions within the Episcopal Church some of which historically have varied by “churchmanship” and geographical regions. “High Churchmen”, more prominent in the north (northern colonies), tend to be more “ritualistic” than “Low Churchmen”, more prominent in the south (southern colonies). Thus in times past, the ritual acts that one performed would have demonstrated a distinction of churchmanship (and geographic origin). However, those particular distinctions are no longer as rigid as they once were and the general rule is that each individual should follow ritual traditions that he or she finds meaningful.



In this booklet, the traditional locations for making the “sign of the cross” are indicated by the cross symbol “✠”. When one makes the sign of the cross, one begins by using the right hand to touch the forehead, the center chest, left shoulder and then right. Some will end by touching the center of the chest a final time.

During the announcement of the Gospel (“The Holy Gospel of our Lord...”), some people follow an additional “crossing” tradition. For those who wish to do so, the tradition is that one makes a small cross with the thumb of the right hand over the forehead, over the lips, and then finally over the heart. The action represents a desire to have one’s mind, mouth, and heart ruled by the Gospel of Christ.



Another common ritual act is to bow one’s head whenever “Jesus Christ” is said (both words together – not just one or the other). It should be noted that “Christ” is not a last name but rather a title which is Greek for the Hebrew word “Messiah” which translated into English means “Anointed One”.

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*

*Everyone continues to stand as the service continues after the first hymn.*

*The Celebrant is the bishop or priest who leads the service.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then says this prayer asking God to make us clean in our hearts and minds.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 357*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*A Collect is a special prayer that is written for each Sunday of the year.*

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*Everyone sits for the Old Testament and New Testament readings and the Psalm. These are the stories of our faith.*

*After the Old and New Testament readings the following is said:*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_

*The four Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*After the lessons have been read, an explanation of those lessons is given. The person giving this explanation is called the preacher. In the Episcopal Church, the preacher is almost always a bishop, priest or deacon.*

*Everyone is supposed to be quiet and listen to what the preacher is saying. Some people find the sermon very interesting. Others might not but they stay quiet out of respect for others.*

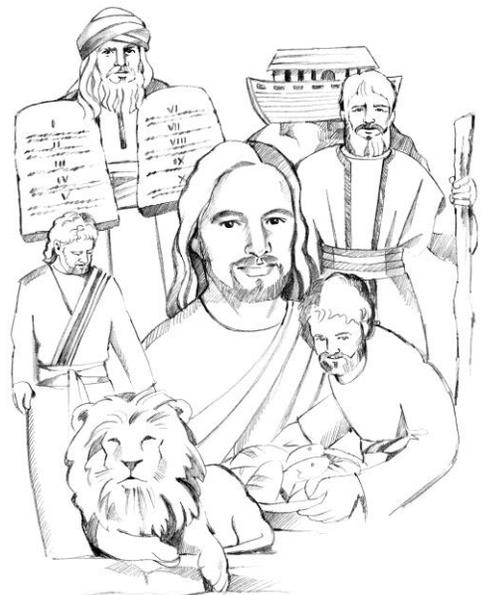
*Quietly working the puzzle sheets or coloring the pictures is another way to be respectful during the sermon.*

### PSALM 23

#### 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*



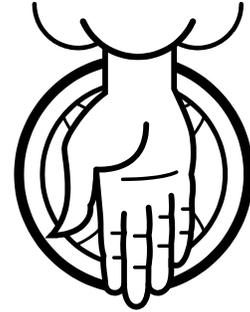
*Psalms are sung with the first part on the first note, then the bold part on the second note. This continues for the each pair of notes and then repeats.*



## **THE NICENE CREED**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

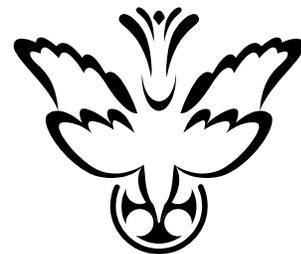
**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**



**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**



**he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**FORM III**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 387*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve  
you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*



## THE GENERAL CONFESSION

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

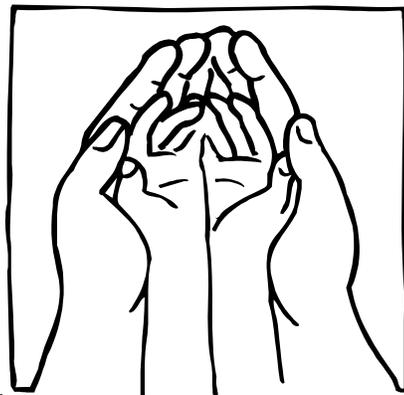
*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God ✠ have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



**Forgiveness**

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## FORM VI

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 392*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God ✠ have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

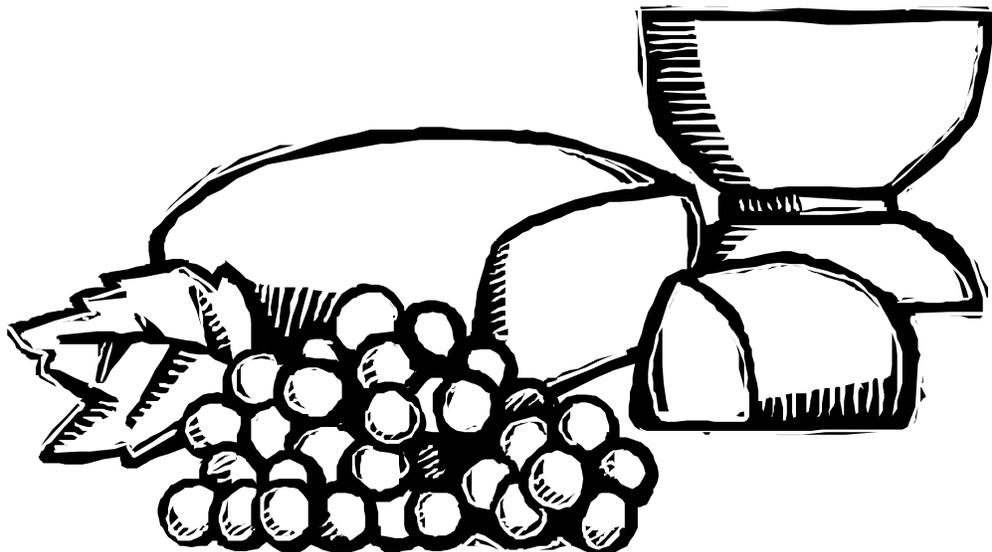
*People*            **And also with you.**

*People greet one another in the name of Christ. This is an ancient custom that helps us to remember that we are called to love and forgive one another especially before we receive communion.*



*After the Peace, announcements are made. Then the offering that people have to God and God's Church are collected and presented.*

*The altar is prepared with bread wafers and wine. The people at the altar make sure that there is enough bread and wine for everyone to share. A little bit of water is added to the wine as part of the tradition of the Church.*



**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A)** *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he ☩ who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues*

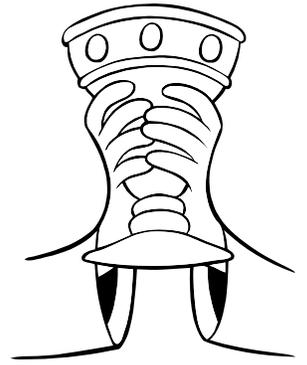
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.



All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER B)** *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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*Celebrant and People*

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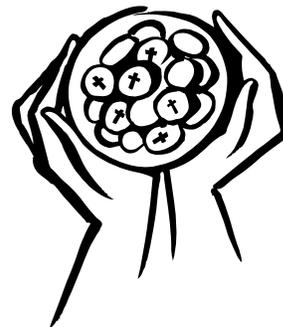
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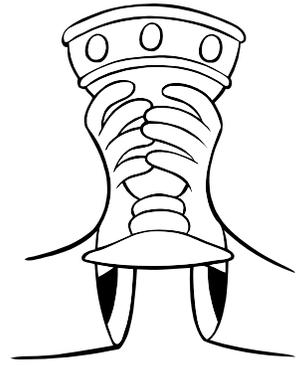
*The people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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, and a period of silence is kept.*



*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Come forward kneel or stand (young children are especially encouraged to stand) to receive the bread and wine, or a blessing. The bread is placed in your outstretched palm. You may drink from the chalice, or dip your bread into it. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People join in saying this prayer*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

*The Celebrant then blesses the people. Some people make the sign of the cross on themselves at the same time by using their right hand to touch their forehead, heart, left shoulder, right shoulder and then some end at the heart again.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*or this*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*or this*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*or this*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**