

Exploring the Episcopal Liturgy - St. David's Episcopal Church
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Principles for Making Liturgical Decisions

1. The entire assembly celebrates the liturgy
2. Liturgical acts are prayer
3. The church at prayer is Christ in his Body at prayer
4. Christian worship is earthy, not esoteric
5. The elements should always be highlighted
6. Less is more
7. Liturgy must be congruent with the culture of the assembly
8. Music is integral to the liturgy
9. The liturgical space has a formative impact on the assembly
10. Vestments and vessels are elements that highlight holy feasting

Liturgical Year-Cycle

Nativity Cycle: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany,

Easter Cycle: Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week (Triduum), Easter, Pentecost

The Word of God

The assembly recalls narrative, asks God to act in specific ways, acclaims the God who has acted and continues to act, acknowledges its failure to be the agent of God's saving actions in accordance with Baptismal Covenant and asks for God's forgiveness.

Rubrics and Customaries

Liturgical Ministers

Assembly, presider, lector(s), deacon or priest to read the Gospel, licensed preacher

Optional: instrumentalist, choir, psalmist, torch bearers, crucifer, thurifer

Posture and Gestures

Stand(Intercession, Oblation, Praise): During hymnody, liturgical movement, collects

Sit (Meditation): During reading of lessons (except the Gospel) and the sermon

Kneel (Penitence): Confession & Absolution, [Thanksgiving], Post-Communion Prayer

Focal point: Lectern (to read) and ambo pulpit (elevated)

Entrance Rite

[Procession]

Opening Acclamation

Collect for Purity

[A Penitential Order]

Gloria or another song of praise

Collect of the Day

Lessons and Lectionary

OT / Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm

Epistle

[Sequence Hymn]

Gospel

Sermon or homily

Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin & Absolution

The Peace

[Announcements]

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