

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUGGESTED FOR
GUILD PUBLIC SERVICES***

(Compiled by the Chaplain)
Authorized by the Bishop of New York in 1896

1. PROCESSIONAL HYMN
2. VOLUNTARY (Organ)
3. SENTENCES (To be read by the Minister: Congregation standing)
 - Praise God in His Sanctuary.
 - Praise Him in the firmament of His Power.
 - Praise Him in His mighty acts.
 - Praise Him with string instruments and organs. Psalm cl.
 - God hath granted me to speak as I would, and to conceive as is meet for the things that are given me; because it is He that leadeth unto wisdom, and directeth the wise. For in His hand are both we and our words; all wisdom also and knowledge of workmanship. Wisdom of Solomon 7:15-16.
 - Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, no device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave wither thou goest. Ecclesiastes 9:10.
 - I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is yet day: the night cometh when no man can work. St. John 9:4.
4. CANTICLE
5. THE LESSON—from Holy Scripture
6. ANTHEM
7. A DECLARATION OF THE RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS .
 - (To be read by the Chaplain and members of the Guild, standing).
 - For the greater glory of God, and for the good of His Holy Church in this land, we being severally members of the American Guild of Organists, do declare our mind and intention in the things following:
 - We believe that the Office of Music in Christian Worship a Sacred Oblation before the Most High.
 - We believe that they who are set as Choirmasters and as Organists in the House of God ought themselves to be persons of devout conduct, teaching the ways of earnestness in the Choirs committed to their charge.
 - We believe that the unity of purpose and fellowship of life between Ministers and Choirs should be everywhere established and maintained. We believe that at all times and in all places it is meet, right and our bounden duty to work and to pray for the advancement of Christian Worship in the holy gifts of strength and nobleness; to the end that the Church may be purged of her blemishes, that the minds of men may be instructed, that the honor of God's house may be guarded in our time and in the time to come.

* The use of this Order of Service or any parts of it in Guild Services, is optional.

Wherefore we do give ourselves with reverence and humility in these our endeavors, offering up our works and our persons in the Name of Him without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Amen.

8. THE CREED

9. A PRAYER FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
(From Prayers authorized by the Church of Scotland).

Almighty God, who hast designed to gather us into Thy Visible Church, grant that we may never turn aside from the purity of Thy worship; but always regarding what pleaseth Thee, may order all our thoughts and doings in obedience to Thy revealed will; and so honor Thee as becometh those who are true members of Thy Son's Body, that Thy Name may be glorified in us. We thank Thee that Thou hast promised for His sake to be presented in the assemblies of Thy People and to grant their requests for whatsoever good things they shall agree on earth to ask of Thee; and we beseech Thee to help our infirmity, and so to lift up our thoughts and draw forth our desires toward Thee, that we may render an acceptable service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. A PRAYER FOR THE GUILD OF ORGANISTS

(Compiled from the Mozarabic Rite and the Provisional Offices of the Mexican Episcopal Church).

O God our Light and our Salvation, whose days are without beginning and without end, grant that by Thy holy inspiration we (Thy servants who are joined together in this undertaking) may know what we ought to do, and that by Thy grace we may be enabled to perform the same. Grant us, we humbly beseech Thee, such prosperity as Thou seest to be good for us, and make us to abound in such works as may be pleasing unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. A PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC UNITY

(Compiled from the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great).

O Lord, who blessest them that bless Thee and hallowest them that trust in Thee, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; guard the fullness of Thy Church; hallow them that love the beauty of Thy House. give them a glorious reward through Thy Divine power, and leave us not who hope in Thee. Grant peace to Thy Church and to all Thy people, because every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from Thee, the Father of Lights. Visit us in Thy bounty, O Lord, be manifest unto us in Thy rich compassions; quiet the schisms of the Church by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, making us children of light, and children of the day. Remember O Lord, Thy holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, from one end of the world to the other, and give peace unto it, which Thou hast purchased with the precious blood of Thy Christ, and strengthen this Holy House until the consummation of the world. And grant us with one mouth and one heart to glorify and praise Thine all honored and majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, now and ever, and to ages and ages. Amen.

12. THE LORD'S PRAYER

13. THE ANTHEM

14. THE ADDRESS

15. THE OFFERTORY—Anthem

16. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

17. A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS
(From the Book of Common Prayer).

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

18. THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

19. VOLUNTARY—Organ (Congregation seated)

20. RECESSIONAL—Hymn