

Worship Service Praxis TUMI Annual

- I. Assign Service “Responsibilities” for time period (e.g. for 1 month, for 6 months, for a year?)
 - A. Create a chart with available spaces for the following for each week
 1. 1-worship leader
 2. 4-Scripture readers
 3. 1-communion leader
 4. 1-ministry of the people leader
 5. 1-teacher/preacher
 - B. Assign people to each of the above roles for the period of time for which you are planning and post chart so all can see their responsibilities

- II. Prepare for worship service
 - A. Worship Leader:
 1. Look at theme for the week and select songs and hymns according to theme (include an opening song)
 2. Prepare songs (ensure they are in a form that all can sing with you, e.g. powerpoint, transparency for overhead projector, handouts, etc.)
 3. Worship Leader: Practice songs for worship time with worship team
 - B. Psalm Reader: Plan out how to lead the congregation in reading this Psalm responsively
 - C. Scripture readers (Old Testament, Gospel, and New Testament): Read assigned passage before service
 - D. Communion Leader: Prepare bread and juice for service
 - E. Ministry of the People Leader: According to theme select poetry, prayers, and or songs to lead the people through during this time, along with prayer for needs of the body
 - F. Teacher/Preacher: Prepare sermon based on theme for the week (review theme, read passage and prepare sermon)
 - G. All: Read Chronological Readings for the day
 - H. All: Read Lectionary texts for the week

- III. Worship Service
 - A. Opening Song (Worship leader/team)

With an anthem of thanksgiving and praise we declare our gathering for worship. Candles are lit as signs of the church gathered in God's presence to hear his Word and to celebrate his Supper.
 - B. Welcome and Invocation (Worship leader)

When we gather, we greet and welcome all in the name of Christ, and ask the Holy Spirit to come among us, to be present in this place, and to make our offering of worship acceptable in God's sight.

 1. Welcome everyone to time together
 2. Reminding all of the current church year season (what it is and how it points to Christ's life) [*If there is a special day within the Church Year (holy day), the worship leader should also instruct the people about its meaning.*]
 3. Read this week's theme (found in the annual at the beginning of each week)
 4. Prayer: Read “Invocation: Our Prayer of Acclamation”
 - C. Praise and Thanksgiving (songs and prayers) – Worship team

We bring sacrifices of praise and worship to God in music, song, and affirmation, allowing for expressions of worship both planned and spontaneous.

1. The worship leader summarizes theme of songs (tied in with theme of the week)
2. Worship leader and team leads congregation in time of worship.
3. Worship leader closes worship with “Pray without Ceasing” prayer and invites the Psalm reader to come up.

- D. Psalm Reading (Psalm reader leads the congregation in reading the Psalm lectionary text for this week responsively)

Following the tradition of the saints of God in both Israel and the Church, we read responsively a Psalm together, confessing both our love and need for the Lord.

- E. Summary of the Law (Psalm reader leads people in reading responsively the Summary of the Law)

Acknowledging our connection with the Lord God as the source of our calling, and holiness, we recite together the Decalogue (Ten commandments) along with Jesus’ summary of the Law (Matt. 7.12)

Celebrant:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

People:

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet . . . anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Celebrant

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Matt. 22.37-40 ESV).

- F. Scripture Reading: Lectionary texts readings (when first reader finishes, next reader comes up to read, then the next comes up when that reader finishes, etc.)

We hear the Word of God read following the Revised Common Lectionary, that orderly compilation for the recitation of Scriptures in worship shared by hundreds of thousands of other believing congregations of Christ. We read a portion from the Old Testament, a section from a Gospel, and a text from the New Testament. We derive our homily/sermon text from one of these lectionary readings, allowing for text substitutions on special days, liturgies, or during Ordinary Time, as deemed appropriate for the occasion.

1. Old Testament: Reader 1
 - a. Starts by saying: “Our Old Testament reading is [Old Testament lectionary text for this week].”
 - b. [Then reader reads the text]. Reader ends with “This is the Word of God.”

- c. *Congregational response:* The congregation then responds to the text that was read with “The Word of the Lord endures forever.”
2. Gospel: Reader 2
 - a. Starts by saying: “Our Gospel reading is [Gospel lectionary text for this week].
 - b. [Then reader reads the text]. Reader ends with “This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 - c. *Congregational response:* The congregation then responds to the text that was read with “Lord Jesus, Your words are spirit and life. Amen.”
3. New Testament: Reader 3
 - a. Starts by saying: “Our New Testament reading is [New Testament lectionary text for this week].
 - b. [Then reader reads the text]. Reader ends with “This is what the Spirit says to the churches.
 - c. *Congregational response:* The congregation then responds to the text that was read with “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Amen.”

- G. Gloria Patri (Worship leader/team leads congregation in the *Gloria Patri* as a response to the Scripture reading)

This worship interlude is familiar in many traditions of the church, and used in a variety of services and places. We place the Gloria Patri at the end of our Scripture reading in order to highlight our response to God’s Word, and our affirmation of his majesty as Creator of the world and Revealer of his glory.

H. Sermon: Teacher/preacher teaches on theme/passage for the week
A Christ-centered sermon is preached, one which is anchored in Scripture, consistent with the apostolic doctrine, and that challenges us to Christlikeness and kingdom service as God’s people.

- I. Apostles Creed: Worship Leader leads congregation in reading of the Creed (as a affirmation response to the teaching)

Following the sermon, the people stand and recite the Apostles Creed to confess our faith and declare our allegiance to this unique orthodox expression of the apostolic doctrine. The Apostle’s Creed represents one of the oldest, clearest, and most authoritative summaries of the faith of the ancient, undivided Church. Please note: the refernece

- J. Ministry of the People (petitions and supplications ending with the Lord’s prayer) [led by Ministry of the People leader]: This is a time of prayer or reading or activity related to the theme and the needs of the people, closing time with The Lord’s Prayer (leader leads congregation in saying that prayer together)

The gifts of the Spirit are operative and members of the congregation are encouraged to share these as directed by the Spirit. A time to share requests and pray for each other’s needs using various formats (either small group or congregational), followed with the reciting together of the Lord’s Prayer.

- K. Communion (Communion Leader): Lead body through Communion liturgy (found in Sojourners Quest (companion to Annual)

The people of God take the Eucharistic supper together, using the communion liturgy to remind themselves of God’s saving plan and celebrating with thanksgiving Christ’s redemptive work. (On some occasions, the Eucharist can be followed by special healing prayer for those who have special needs– whether physical, spiritual, or emotional).

- L. Closing song (worship leader/team): Lead congregation in closing song (The Doxology or other song of choice)

We close the communion service with the Doxology in song, that wonderful, ancient, and beautiful anthem of praise to God used throughout the Church in the world. Praise the triune God for his glory and grace!

- M. Benediction (teacher/preacher): Pronounce the Benediction over the people (read “Our Prayer of Acknowledgment”)

The pastor pronounces the benediction on the people, concluding the service.

