

## The Liturgy of the Ancient Church

Based on *The Didache*, chs. 7, 9, 10, 14 & Justin Martyr, *First Apology*, chs. 61, 65, 66, 67

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

“...in living (running) water. But if thou hast not living water, then baptize in other water; and if thou art not able in cold, then in warm. But if thou hast neither, then pour water on the head thrice in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Prayers

“...for ourselves, for the baptized person, and for all others in every place...”

### The Word

Scripture Reading(s)

“...the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits...”

Sermon

Prayer

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Kiss of Peace

Confession

“And on the Lord's own day gather yourselves together and break bread and give thanks, first confessing your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure.”

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Prayer

“...gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at His hands.”

For the Cup:

“We give Thee thanks, O our Father, for the holy vine of Thy son David, which Thou madest known unto us through Thy Son Jesus; Thine is the glory for ever and ever.”

For the Bread:

“We give Thee thanks, O our Father, for the life and knowledge which Thou didst make known unto us through Thy Son Jesus; Thine is the glory for ever and ever. As this broken bread was scattered upon the mountains and being gathered together became one, so may Thy Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth

into Thy kingdom; for Thine is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ for ever and ever.”

Congregational “Amen”

Distribution

¶ *“...no one is allowed to partake but the man 1) who believes that the things which we teach are true, 2) and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and 3) who is so living as Christ has enjoined.”*

Prayer

“We give Thee thanks, Holy Father, for Thy holy name, which Thou hast made to tabernacle in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality, which Thou hast made known unto us through Thy Son Jesus; Thine is the glory for ever and ever. Thou, Almighty Master, didst create all things for Thy name’s sake, and didst give food and drink unto men for enjoyment, that they might render thanks to Thee; but didst bestow upon us spiritual food and drink and eternal life through Thy Son. Before all things we give Thee thanks that Thou art powerful; Thine is the glory for ever and ever. Remember, Lord, Thy Church to deliver it from all evil and to perfect it in Thy love; and {gather it together from the four winds} – even the Church which has been sanctified – into Thy kingdom which Thou hast prepared for it; for Thine is the power and the glory for ever and ever. May grace come and may this world pass away. Hosanna to the God of David. If any man is holy, let him come; if any man is not, let him repent. Maran Atha. Amen.”

¶ *But permit the prophets to offer thanksgiving as much as they desire.*

Offering