

AMERICAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Divine Liturgy of St. Timothy

The Holy Eucharist

A Model of Biblical Liturgy



Welcome to Emmaus Abbey Church. We are an independent pre-denominational New Testament apostolic church. We draw our Faith & Worship from the unbroken lineage of the Apostles and ancient historic faith. We draw our liturgy, theology, structure and doctrine established in the first century.

Our Goal

To allow the liturgy to become a missionary presence in the conversation of its American Appalachian culture, not as a foreign import, but as:

- *A native Christian voice of East Tennessee & East Coast*
- *A biblical and sacramental proclamation*
- *A bridge for seekers, catechumens, and the unchurched*
- *A missionary tool that remains fully Orthodox*

“A Church where God is Revealed, Seen, Heard & Felt”

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Emmaus Abbey Church is an Appalachian Expression of the American Orthodox Christian Church. We reject any centralized authority of a pope, but see Jesus Christ as the head of the Church.

The Orthodox Church has never regarded strict liturgical uniformity as the foundation of her unity. From the apostolic age to the present, the Church has prayed in many tongues, shaped her worship through diverse cultures, and allowed each local church to express the one faith in forms that speak naturally to its people. Unity has always been safeguarded not by identical rubrics, but by fidelity to the apostolic deposit, the sacramental life, and the unbroken continuity of Holy Tradition.

The Divine Liturgy of St. Timothy stands within this ancient and generous inheritance. Its language, structure, and biblical emphases are crafted to serve the missionary calling of Orthodoxy in the American Appalachian context. The adjustments within this liturgy are modest, pastoral, and theologically faithful—designed to make the Gospel intelligible, the Scriptures audible, and the sacramental life accessible to those encountering Orthodoxy for the first time.

This liturgy seeks to be a model of biblical worship, echoing the prayer of the early Church, drawing deeply from the Scriptures, and forming the faithful through the rhythm of the Word and the Eucharist. It is offered as a bridge between the apostolic faith and the spiritual vocabulary of the American people, so that Christ may be encountered, followed, and glorified in this land.

May all who pray these sacred words be drawn into the life of the Holy Trinity, strengthened in faith, and sent forth as witnesses of the Kingdom.

In His Service,

++ Brett Travis

Abp. Province of Southern Appalachia

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Emmaus Abbey Worship Book

***PROCESSIONAL**

Serves as prelude preparing the Congregation for Worship & Entrance Procession of clergy, deacons other ministers to the altar. Psalm 115:1

Opening Psalm or Procession Hymn... “Non Nobis Domine” – Ps 115:1

The Acclamations

People Standing

For use in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: BLESSED BE GOD: ☒ FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

[In Lent and on other Penitential Occasions]

Celebrant: “BLESS ☒ THE LORD WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SINS.”

People: *“His mercy endures forever*

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant: Alleluia, ☒ Christ is Risen.

People: *The Lord is Risen in Deed. Alleluia.*

● *The Introit*

Priest Standing at the Altar says the Collect for Purity

People: (Kneel or Sit)

Celebrant & People: 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Hebrews 4:13; Ps.139:1-4; Ps.51:10; Matt 5:8; Lk 11:13 Matt. 22:37

The Decalogue

The Ten Commandments are to be said the first Sunday of the month, the Summary of the Law thereafter. Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

God spoke these words and said:

Celebrant: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- You shall have no other gods but me.
- You shall not make for yourself any image or likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth below or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them. For I, am the Lord your God.
- You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Honor it, and I will bless you.
- Honor your father and your mother.

People: *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

- You shall not commit murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not be a false witness.
- You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

The Summary of the Law

Said on 2nd thru 5th Sundays

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ 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 first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie

• People: *Then shall be said or sung Kyrie or the Gloria.:*

Luke 18:9-14

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Or Eastern

Trisagion

Isa.6:3 & Rev. 4:8

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, Have Mercy on Us

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, Have Mercy on Us, Have Mercy on Us

Holy God, Holy and Mighty Holy and Immortal One Have Mercy on Us, Have Mercy on Us, Have Mercy on Us

Typically said: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto the ages of ages.

- **Optional: Gloria can be used during Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, solemnities, and feasts.**

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Glory To God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest

and peace on earth to all men of good will

we praise you

we bless you

we adore you

we glorify you

we thank you, for your great glory

Lord God, king of the heavens

God Almighty Father

Lord, begotten son, Jesus Christ

Lord God, lamb of God, son of the father

That takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

That takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer

you who are seated at the right of the father, have mercy

on us

For you are Holy, only you are Lord, only you are the

Highest

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the

Father, Amen.

The Collect of the Day



A collect is daily prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant reads the appropriate Collect of the Day

Priest closes with “World without End...”

People Respond by saying: *Amen.*



The Liturgy of the Word

The people sit.

The Lessons:

The Old Testament Lesson

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Lesson from the Psalm

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Lesson

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

The Congregation all standing...

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to: Chapter ____, Verses ____**

Priest & Congregation Sign Themselves: Forehead, Lips, Heart

***People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel is read, the Reader says:

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon...

- Invitation | Healing Prayer |
Testimonies | Blessing of Marriages
- Song of Response



NICENE CREED

(Please Stand)

PRIESTS BOWS AT THE WORDS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED

Creed is omitted at Nuptial or (Ceremony of Marriage) and Requiem or funerals Masses

Christians, what do you believe...

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one **Lord Jesus Christ**, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before

all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, **(Kneel)** and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, ***and was made man; (rise)***

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; **And** He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the **Giver** of life, Who [proceeds] from the Father; Who, with the Father and the Son together is ***worshipped and glorified***; Who spoke through the Prophets;

And I believe in one holy catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

{Prefer deacons or priests conduct pastoral prayers from the heart}

(Sit or Kneel)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in your holy Word has, taught us to make prayers, and [supplications ***(Requests)***], and to give thanks

for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto your divine Majesty, requesting you to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and peace; and grant that all those who do confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader: Lord in your mercy. **People:** Lord hear our prayer

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [**especially**: all our Provincial Bishops, our Patriarch Roger Paul and Metropolitan, and to the **[Holy Synod]**], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

Reader: Lord in your mercy. **People:** **Lord hear our prayer**

And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Reader: Lord in your mercy. **People:** **Lord hear our prayer**

We request that you also rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [**especially**: our **President**, _____, our **Congress** and our **Governor**], that they may be led to wise decisions, common sense, and right actions for the welfare and peace the world.

Reader: Lord in your mercy. **People:** **Lord hear our prayer**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, they may honor you with their substance, and be faithful stewards of your abundant provisions to us.

Reader: Lord in your mercy. **People:** **Lord hear our prayer**

And we most humbly request of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Deacon: may here commemorate specific names: _____ of those infirmed, sick, or passed on

Reader: Lord in your mercy. **People:** **Lord hear our prayer**

And we also bless your holy Name for all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear praying you would grant us grace them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us

grace to follow their good examples that with them we may be partake of your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Lord in your mercy. **People:** Lord hear our prayer

➤ **Reader:** I invite your prayer requests at this time...

The people may offer their petitions either silently or aloud.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the (✠) Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

Announcements:

Celebrate the following:

1. Birthdays
2. Anniversaries
3. Newly Born & Baptized babies: The congregation sings to celebrate the newborn and baptized by singing this hymn:

“He’s Got the Whole in His Hands”

Instrumental Music or Song...

Transitional Music begins here to enter the Liturgy of the Eucharist



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

While this Service is open to all, only those who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ought to receive Holy Communion. If parents wish for their children to receive communion, we will be happy to commune any baptized child able to receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are still invited to receive a blessing during the distribution of the bread and wine.

The Offertory

Celebrant: Pray brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and of our life and labor to the Lord cheerfully and with great joy, for we know

that you will open the windows of heaven and pour down upon us blessings far greater than we can desire or deserve.

People Respond: *May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church. Amen*

Offertory Hymn

(Offering is collected while table is prepared)

(Gifts are brought forward by the Usher)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

● ***The Invitation***

(Kneeling or sit)

You who have truly and earnestly repented of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from now on in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Kneel or Sit)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as ourselves. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, ✠ to the glory of your Name. Amen.

✠ ABSOLUTION ✠

Bishop or Priest

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, ✠ **forgive and pardon you from all your sins**, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Him Alone, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the holy spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen

Celebrant and *People Respond: Amen*

The Comfortable Words

After the Absolution the Priests Face People says the Comfortable Words to the People to show a biblical Seal of God's Word of His assurance of His Forgiveness of Sin

Sometimes as Christians we forget that God has sealed us in His Holy Word. Listen to His Comfortable Words as Assurance of His love for Us.

1. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14
2. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts. Psalm 96:8
3. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2
4. I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Please Stand)

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: **The Lord be with you.**

People: And also with you

C: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up unto the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks unto the Lord God.

P: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

C: It is very meet and right, and a good thing always and Everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Proper Preface...

*29 Proper Prayers for particular occasion or season of the year
Is said here:*

Celebrant: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever singing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth is full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

The Canon of the Mass

(Kneel/Sit)

Prayer of Consecration



Celebrant:

All glory be to you, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that you, of your tender mercy, didst give your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient ✠ sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

(Bell Rings once, signals the consecration of the bread & wine)

[grab Host]



For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; ●
and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His
disciples saying,  “Take, eat: this is My Body, which is given

for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (Bow)
(Bell Rings Three Times) 1 Cor. 11:23-28



Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had
given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this;
this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you,
and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, in
remembrance of Me. (Bow) (Bell Rings Three Times signaling the
elevation of the Host & Chalice) & drawing attention to our unity in Christ.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Meaning: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you
come again. 1 Cor 15:26

Celebrant and People: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Oblation

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.

Epiclesis

We most humbly ask Thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and

send down Thy Holy Spirit upon these gifts and creatures of bread and wine. 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 forever.
AMEN.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison) (Sit or Kneel) Matt 6:5-13

And now as Our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we are bold to Pray...

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, Forever and ever. Amen.



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"In the breaking of the bread, the people are made in unity one body"

Fracture

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread 1 Cor. 5:7

No alleluia during Lent | Draping the builds anticipation & focus on Christ's Passion

Celebrant: *[Alleluia] –Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us*

People: *Therefore, Let us keep the feast --[Alleluia]*

Alleluia means "Praise Yaweh" is not repeated during Lent, until Easter morning



The Angus Dei

➤ A Particle of Bread is put into Chalice before singing of the Angus Dei
(People in Unison) **based upon John the Baptist's reference in John 1:29**

O, Lamb of God, that takes away sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

O, Lamb of God, that takes away sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

O, Lamb of God, that takes away sins of the world.

Grant us Thy Peace.

P. Behold the Lamb of God; Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world."

(Bell Rings Three Times, signaling people to come forward for Communion)

P: Lord, *I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof,*

People Respond: but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

[Administration of the Table: Bishop takes his own communion, then communes other Clergy & acolytes at the Table]

Presentation of the Gifts

Raise the Elements facing the people

Celebrant: *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.*

Communion Hymn or Instrumental

See Insert

- **Music is played until everyone has taken communion.**



Administration of the Elements

The Body of Christ, ● the bread of heaven.



The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

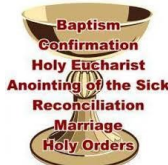


Intinction

This is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, for the forgiveness of sins.

The Ablutions

- *After Communion, the priest performs the Ablutions, cleansing the sacred vessels.*
Music continues until all the vessels are cleansed.



Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Unison)

Let us pray:

Celebrant and People: (Unison)

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

➤ **Concluding Song**

➤ ***DISMISSAL:*** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God

*Or On Occasion the Book of St. John may be read to the
Congregation*

**Read during the Easter season
Then may be said all standing**

P: The Lord be with you.

R: And with Thy spirit.

**P: The beginning of the Holy Gospel ☒ according to St. John
Chapter 1 verses 1-14**

R: Glory be to Thee O Lord.

God's Eternal Word says.

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with
God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him
nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life
was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness did not comprehend it.**

**⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This
man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all
through him might believe.**

**⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of
that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every
man coming into the world.**

**¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him,
and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and
His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him,**

to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those
who believe in His name:

¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor
of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we
beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the
Father, full of grace and truth.



END OF MASS

Orthodox Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is an invitation to explore the ancient faith, a journey of spiritual discovery and community belonging within the historic Christian tradition. The ancient faith did not begin with the Reformation. It began 2000 years ago with the life of Jesus. The educational process of short classes normally take 2-4 months to complete. You work within a study group and it is a great way to embrace knowledge of what the bible says in about 12 months. Come join our small groups. We meet through the week. Great for kids as well.

