



St. John's Episcopal Church  
Order of Service for Children's Chapel

**Procession** After the second reading, children leave the nave of the church, following behind the Children's Chapel cross. The leader, parents, and children process to the Children's Chapel, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Educational building.

**Welcome** The leader greets the children at the door and reminds them they are entering sacred space and to act accordingly. Invite them in to sit on the floor around the prayer table. (Be sure they do not sit with their back up against the wall)

**Setting the  
Prayer Table**

Select 2 or 3 children to set the Prayer table with 1 item each from the bookcase. If they do not put a candle on there, you should add one. Put a piece of the plastic film underneath to keep the wax from getting on the cloth.

Have another child choose a prayer word or piece of Scripture and another child choose a Liturgical/City word. (Definitions to these words are provided) When they have finished, ask them to tell what they put on the table and why.

Have children volunteer to serve as readers of the Gospel and the various prayers of the people.

**Opening Prayer** Leader: "The Lord be with you."  
Response: "And also with you."

**Light the Candle**

**Leader:** We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the light of the world, and we are Christ's light in the world.

**Song:** Be Still and Know

**Reading** Use the information in Proclaiming God's Word in *Celebrate the Good News Curriculum* to lay the foundation of the scripture to be read. Then, Gospel Reading

**Leader:** "The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_"

**Response:** "Glory to you, Lord Christ."

**(Read the Gospel)**



**Leader:** “The Gospel of the Lord.”

**Response:** “Praise to you, Lord Christ.”

**Homily** Look at the curriculum section Respond to God’s Word. This should help you with some ideas on engaging the child to the Gospel.

**Music** Allow children to request a hymn or song or you may teach them a song. There is a CD player and several CD’s available for you to use.

**Creed** **I believe in God above;  
I believe in Jesus’ love;  
I believe his Spirit too  
Comes to teach us what to do.  
I believe that I should be  
Kind and loving, Lord like thee**

**Prayers** The leader asks the children for any special concerns or reasons for thanksgiving they may wish to share and for the blessings of any birthdays this week.

**Leader:** “The Lord be with you”

Response: “And also with you”

**Leader:** “Let us prayer and respond by saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

1. *We pray for the people of God’s whole church. We pray especially for our bishops Henry and Kee, for the people of St. John’s, for our ministers, Robert, Evan, and Kedron, our missionaries in Africa, Jeremy and Penny, for Laura Catherine in Bogata Columbia and Megan in Hong Kong- We pray - “Lord, hear our prayer.”*
2. *We pray for the United States and for our President. We pray for the other countries of the world and their leaders. May they all work for peace. We pray -- “Lord, hear our prayer.”*
3. *We pray for this city of Montgomery and for the people who live and work and go to school here. We pray for the other cities and towns like it and for the people who live in them. We pray - “Lord, hear our prayer.*
4. *We pray for the good earth that God has given us. May we help to take care of the land, the air, the water, the plants, and the animals. We pray - “Lord, hear our prayer.”*



5. *We pray for all people who are sick or sad or lonely or afraid. May we always remember them and be kind. We pray - "Lord, hear our prayer."*
  
6. *We pray for all people who have died. May they have a place with you. We pray - "Lord, hear our prayer."*

*We thank you for your many blessings. We pray - "Lord, hear our prayer."*

***Lord, hear the prayers of your young people and strengthen all of us to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

**Confession (all)      God, we confess that we have said, done and thought things that are not right. Help us to be very sorry and forgive us. We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**More Songs            AN USHER WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE PARISH HAS STARTED THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. YOU WILL END YOUR TIME AS SOON AS YOU CAN AND HAVE THE CHILDREN PLACE THE ITEMS BACK ON THE BOOKCASE.**

**Dismissal              Leader: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."  
Response: "Thanks be to God."**

**Song:                    Go now in Peace**

Please line up at the door to re-enter the church. (Take them down the stairs, pass the Library, future Bookstore, and stand at the door of the Educational Building). Have them remain there while you check in the Nave to see if they are at Peace. Once they are at the peace, re-enter the Nave with the children. If you miss the Peace and they are doing the announcements, send the children in.

Replace the processional cross.



## Liturgical and City Words

Alms Basins – Used to collect the offering, gifts of the people back to God.

Altar – The place where the Eucharist is prepared. A holy table.

Bethlehem – The city where Jesus was born, represented by a star.

Bread – The body of Christ

Candles – To remind of that Christ is present with us

Chalice – The cup that holds the Wine and water

Communion – The preparation and partaking of the bread and wine

Corporal – Used on the Altar, it is thought of as a placemat to catch any crumbs from the preparation

Credence Table – Where the chalice, paten, flagons and other materials are stored prior to and after of the Eucharist.

Cross – The place where Jesus died. We celebrate the risen Christ.

Cruets – Also called flagons, They hold the water and the wine used for Eucharist.

Gospel – Reading from one of the four Gospels, which detail the life and ministry of Jesus. (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)

Jerusalem – The city where Jesus was tried and crucified, buried and risen.  
Represented by a cross.

Lectionary – A sequence of Biblical reading used by the church

Liturgical Colors – These are the colors used to define our liturgical seasons:

Purple Preparation;

White – Celebration (Christmas/Easter/Baptisms/Weddings);

Green – Growing season – there are 2 growing seasons and one of them is the longest of all the liturgical seasons;

Red – Pentecost or Palm Sunday

Nazareth – The city where Mary was from, where the Holy Spirit came to Mary and told her she would have a baby, represented by a dove.



Paten - The plate used to hold the Communion Wafers (bread)

Purificator – Used like a napkin to wipe the chalice after someone drinks from the cup.

Wine and Water – used to compose the drink representing the blood of Jesus. The wine symbolizes Jesus and the water us,



## Prayer Words and Scripture

My help comes from the Lord.

Lord, hear my prayer.

The Everlasting Father

The Mighty God - Another name for Jesus

Wonderful Counselor - Another name for Jesus.

God

Prince of Peace

Trinity

Hosanna

Alleluia

Jesus

Good Shepherd - Another name for Jesus

Holy Spirit - One of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

Peace

The Lord is my Shepherd

Come, Let us sing to the Lord.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands.

Amen - Means so be it.