

**Holy Ascension
Orthodox Christian Mission
Melbourne, Australia**

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 Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from the heavens, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man;

And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried;

And arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into the heavens, and sits at the right hand of the Father;

And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And 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 by the prophets.

In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.



**Chalice, Diskos (Paten)
& Cross**

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**What is the
Divine
Liturgy?**



**It is the Sacrament of
Holy Communion &
A Worship Service
Originating in the
1st Century**

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How did the Orthodox Christians of the 1st Century worship together? What was worship like back then?

- Roots in the Jewish Temple worship
- Liturgy means the “work of the people
- Eucharist, the Holy Mystical Thanksgiving in Communion with God and man



Liturgy of the Word or Synaxis (Gathering)

The Litany of Peace Prayers for peace

Antiphonal singing - Saint Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, introduced antiphonal singing into the early Christian Church. Readings from the Old Testament, Psalms 102 and 145 are chanted

The Little Entrance: Processional bringing the Gospels to the Altar

The Trisagion Thrice Holy Hymn “Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.”

Epistle (NT letter) or Apostolic Reading
Gospel Reading

Homily: The teaching of the Gospel

Litany of Fervent Supplications: Prayers for individual need and those of the entire world

Prayers for the Catechumens and the Faithful

Liturgy of the Faithful or Eucharist

Preparation of the Transfer of the Gifts

The Cherubic Hymn We mystically represent the Cherubim

The Great Entrance: Processional bringing the prepared bread and wine to the altar

The Litany of the Prothesis: Prayers of preparation for the Eucharist

The Kiss of Peace: Must be at peace with God and each other to partake in the Eucharist

The Nicene Creed recited by all

The Anaphora The lifting up of our sacrifice to God

Eucharistic prayer: “It is worthy and right to bless You...”

Anamnesis: Prayers remembering God and the saints in living communion

Epiclesis The calling upon of the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine to the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the climax of the liturgy.

The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father in the heavens, hallowed be your name...

Holy Communion: In the common cup, the faithful receive the Body and Blood of Christ

Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

Dismissal: The people of God are prepared to take the Gospel to the world

