

CUSTOMARY

The Great Litany in Procession

Order of Procession - forms in St. Mary's Chapel

Beadle
Torch – Cross – Torch
Litanist(s)
Choirs
Vergers
(Altar Servers)
Eucharistic Ministers
Torch – Gospeller – Torch
CEL, PR (if not a Litanist)

At the appointed time, the Beadle leads the Crucifer and torches through the East Transept doors, and pauses just inside. The Dean invites the congregation to kneel, or they may remain standing. The procession moves ahead and the chanting of petitions begin.

The route is down the East side aisle, up the Center aisle turning right in the crossing. Proceed down the West side aisle and up the Center aisle again. (This path uses about ½ of the Litany.) The Litanists move into stalls at the chancel rail, and all others in procession go to their normal seats in the chancel.

After the Collect of the Day, the Litanists move to their seats as all are seated and the Beadle escorts the lectors forward. The first lesson begins immediately. An opening acclamation does not precede the Collect of the Day.

Note: During the Eucharist, the Prayers of the People and the Confession of Sin are omitted. On the remaining Sundays in Lent, both of these are included.

Note: All banners & flags have been removed for Lent and are not carried for the Litany. Acolytes without procession assignments may walk in front of the Altar Servers behind the Vergers.

On this day, the departing procession exits in the regular manner either to the Narthex, or the East Transept depending on the hymn length.