

Incense use at Grace Cathedral

Evensong: Entrance Pro, Magnificat (Altar, Officiant, people), Departing Pro.

Diocesan Convention: Full use

All Saints' Sunday --- Gospel @ chancel steps:

- A) Entrance & Altar at entrance procession
- B) Full use

Christmas Eve late: Full use

Ordinations in January and June: Full use

Palm Sunday: Silent Entrance and Procession of Palms

Chrism Mass: Full use

Easter Vigil:

- A) Full use from Eucharist point of liturgy
- B) Altar at "Gloria" ff. Easter acclamation

Easter Day principal: Full use

Pentecost: Full use with Gospel @ chancel steps

"Full use" is Entrance, Gospel, Offertory and Departing

Other possible occasions for incense use:

The Epiphany

Weddings

Funerals

INCENSE symbolizes our prayers rising to heaven. For some 3100 years incense has been used in solemn services of the Jewish and the Christian Church. The Lord Jesus went to the temple where incense was a normal part of the worship. St. John sees heaven as a place where an "angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer: and he was given much incense... and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints... before God." (Rev. 8:3-4) Overall, incense is mentioned 129 times, in 121 verses, in 18 different books of the Bible.