

Trinity Episcopal Church
4th Sunday Summer 2010 Customary
REVISED July 21, 2010

1. Thurifer lights coal 15 minutes before the service
2. Celebrant fills the thurible and blesses the incense
3. Group prayer
4. Procession:

Vergers
Thurifer
Boat Carrier
Crucifer
Torchbearers
Choir
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Acolyte or Deacon Carrying Gospel Book
Deacon
Celebrant

5. At the entrance and during the processional hymn, the thurifer proceeds to the front of the altar, reverences the altar, turns left toward the praise band area, and waits outside the rail for the celebrant. The Celebrant fills the thurible and blesses the incense, and the thurifer places the boat on the altar rail. The Celebrant then censes the altar, and returns the thurible back to the thurifer afterwards, at which time both take their seats, the thurifer leading. (All others process in directly to seats, not following the thurifer.)
6. During the alleluia verse or hymn preceding the Gospel, incense is brought to the celebrant (the thurifer and boat carrier come to the celebrant), who fills the thurible and blesses the incense. The boat carrier returns to his/her seat. The thurifer then follows the crucifer and precedes the deacon to the place of the proclamation of the gospel. The Deacon censes the gospel book after the announcement and before the reading (center, left, right) and then hands the thurible back to the thurifer. The thurifer stands behind and to the right of the Deacon, and gently swings the thurible during the gospel reading.
7. At the Offertory
 - Deacon prepares the table

- Thurifer brings incense to the celebrant after the gifts have been presented and prepared and offered (*after* the Presentation - - “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”)
- The thurifer enters the altar area from the back, coming to the back right of the altar area to the celebrant (with thurifer in one hand and boat in the other). The celebrant fills the thurible, returns the boat to the thurifer, blesses the incense, and then censes the gifts and the altar.
- The celebrant then hands the thurible back to the thurifer, and the thurifer cense the priest and deacon three times each, bowing before and after the censuring.
- Next the thurifer or deacon censes the people. Begin by starting at the Epistle side, then the two sections facing the altar, then the choir side, the thurifer faces those in the sanctuary, bows (the people bow back), and with a single swing censes those in the center, then those to the left, then those to the right. The thurifer then exits the altar area in the back and takes his/her seat. (During this time, the acolyte is standing in the back outside the altar rail and the Deacon stands at back right of altar next to the thurifer.)
- The acolyte washes the celebrant’s hands.

8. During Sanctus:

- Acolyte rings Sanctus bells 3 turns of wrist at “*Holy, holy, holy Lord*” and at “*Blessed is he*”
- The thurifer stands at back left outside of altar and gently swings the thurible during the Sanctus

9. During Words of Institution

- Bread - Acolyte rings Sanctus bells 3 turns of wrist at the conclusion of “*Do this for the remembrance of me.*”
- Wine - Acolyte rings Sanctus bells 3 turns of wrist at the conclusion of “*Do this for the remembrance of me.*”
- The thurifer stands at back left outside of altar and gently swings the thurible at the conclusion of the Great Thanksgiving (“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 for ever. AMEN.) After the Great Amen, the thurifer returns to his/her seat.
- At the Great Thanksgiving, during the words “*Almighty Father*”, the acolyte rings the Sanctus bells 2 turns of wrist.

10. Procession out – same order; thurifer swings the thurible in procession and does not cense the people
11. Member of altar guild takes chasuble from celebrant before celebrant greets the people