Opening Sentences

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture,

*Officiant* Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
***People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Confession of Sin BCP 79

If omitted, the service continues with the Invitatory, “Lord, open our lips.”

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

or this

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Officiant and People together, all kneeling  
Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter BCP 80

All stand

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Officiant and People**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:   
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

*People* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Venite****BCP 82**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

***Officiant and People*  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
In his hands are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

*People* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed: Psalm 104:25-35, 37 BCP 736

*Lector* The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 104. We will read the Psalm in unison.

**25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
 in wisdom you have made them all;  
 the earth is full of your creatures.  
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
 with its living things too many to number, \*  
 creatures both small and great.  
27 There move the ships,  
 and there is that Leviathan, \*  
 which you have made for the sport of it.  
28 All of them look to you \*  
 to give them their food in due season.  
29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
 you take away their breath,  
 and they die and return to their dust.  
31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
 and so you renew the face of the earth.  
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.  
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
 I will praise my God while I have my being.  
35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
 I will rejoice in the Lord.  
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
 Hallelujah!**

**At the end of the Psalms is sung or said by all**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

### The First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20, Glory to God, *Gloria in excelsis* BCP 94

***Officiant and People*Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21, You are God, *Te Deum laudamus* BCP 95

*Officiant and People*Youare God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;   
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,   
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
 Father, of majesty unbounded,  
 your true and only Son, worth of all worship,  
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin’s womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
 bought with the price of your own blood,  
 and bring us with your saints  
 to glory everlasting.

The Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-23

*Lector* A reading from the Gospel of John.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

The Apostles’ Creed BCP 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers BCP 97

The People stand or kneel

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Officiant and People  
Our Father, who art in heaven, Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name, hallowed be your Name,

thy kingdom come, your kingdom come,

thy will be done, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those as we forgive those

who trespass against us. who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, Save us from the time of trial,

but deliver us from evil. and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, For the kingdom, the power,

and the power, and the glory, and the glory are yours,

for ever and ever. Amen. now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* And grant us your salvation.

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* Let your people sing with joy.

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* For only in you can we live in safety.

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* Your saving health among all nations.

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day BCP 227

*Officiant*

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Collect for the Church BCP 816

*Officiant*   
Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Clergy and People BCP 817**

*Officiant*  
Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace; and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

**The Prayers of the People: Form VI BCP 392**

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Intercessor* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Brian, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* For all who serve God in his Church.

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Hear us, Lord;

*People* For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, especially *N*, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

***People* Who put their trust in you.**

*Intercessor* In this time and in this space, you are invited to share the prayers and concerns of your heart either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept

*Officiant* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

Before the close of the Office one or more of the following may be used

**The General Thanksgiving BCP 101**

***Officiant and People***

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**A General Thanksgiving BCP 836**

***Officiant and People*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have  
done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole  
creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.  
  
We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for  
the loving care which surrounds us on every side.  
  
We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best  
efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy  
and delight us.  
  
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.  
  
Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the  
truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast  
obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying,  
through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life  
again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.  
  
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and  
make him known; and through him, at all times and in all  
places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102**

***Officiant, or Officiant and People*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Then may be said

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*  *Ephesians 3:20,21*