Opening Sentences

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” *Psalm 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, “I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.” *Isaiah 57:15*

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* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People* Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100* **BCP 82**

***Officiant and People*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
 serve the Lord with gladness  
 and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
 he himself has made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People* Come let us adore him.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed: Psalm 13 BCP 597

*Lector* The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 13. We will read the psalm in unison.

**1  How long, O Lord?  
 will you forget me for ever? \*  
 how long will you hide your face from me?  
2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,   
 and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
 how long shall my enemy triumph over me?  
3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
 give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” \*  
 and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.  
5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
 my heart is joyful because of your saving help.  
6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
 I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

**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: Genesis 22:1-14

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

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

Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah, *Ecce, Deus* BCP 86

***Officiant and People*Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
    I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
    and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
    from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
    Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
    see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
    and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
    for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**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 Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

*Lector* A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine* BCP 90

***Officiant and People*Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
    you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
    on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
    in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42**

*Lector* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

*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 the 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 230

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**A Collect for Sundays BCP 98**

*Officiant*  
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**A Collect for the Renewal of Life BCP99**

*Officiant*  
O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. *1 Corinthians 15:57-58*