OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

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

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

The Officiant says to the people

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 Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 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.

INVITATORY - JUBILATE (BCP p. 80)

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 faithfullness endures from age to age.

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
PLease read responsively by half verse

1Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
   and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *
   and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *
   and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, *
   and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

6 The LORD executes righteousness *
   and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
   and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
   slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, *
   nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
    nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
    so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
    so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, *
    so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21
The people sit.
A Reading from the book of Genesis.

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)
Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah
Surge, illuminare
Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19
**Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

**For behold, darkness covers the land; * deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

**But over you the Lord will rise, * and his glory will appear upon you.**

**Nations will stream to your light, * and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

**Your gates will always be open; * by day or night they will never be shut.**

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, * The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Violence will no more be heard in your land, * ruin or destruction within your borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, * and all your portals, Praise.**

**The sun will no more be your light by day; * by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

**The Lord will be your everlasting light, * and your God will be your glory.**

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

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all
days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those
who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who
eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those
who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we
live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then,
whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end
Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead
and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why
do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the
judgment seat of God. For it is written,
“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)
Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah
Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David’s tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with his mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all that wish us harm.
With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham; from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God’s people they are saved from sin’s eternal sway.
Then shall God’s mercy from on high shine forth and never cease,
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

21 Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church
sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”
22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven
times.
23 For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the
reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;
25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with
his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.
26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with
me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of
that slave released him and forgave him the debt.
28 But that same slave,
as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a
hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you
owe.’ 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have
patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and
threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow
slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they
went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord
summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all
that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had
mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his
lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.
35So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence may follow.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (BCP p. 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
SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)
*The people stand or kneel*

Officiant       The Lord be with you.
People          And also with you.
Officiant       Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)
*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
   hallowed be thy Name,
   thy kingdom come,
   thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
   as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
   but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
   and the power, and the glory,
   forever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)
V.   Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R.   And grant us your salvation.

V.   Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R.   Let your people sing with joy.

V.   Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R.   For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 98)
O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE (BCP p. 98)
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 cheerfullness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE (BCP p. 98)
O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP IV p. 388

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, Sylvester, our Mayor, and for leaders of all nations, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy

_Hear our prayer._

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

_Hear our prayer._

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We Pray For: Aberlene, Jane, Ralph, Frank, Ana Lupe, Cathie, Alice, Frances, Jackie, Annie, Landon, John, Dion, Sandra, Clara, Cory, Mark, Edward, John, James, Jack & Jean, Gina, Jean, Leyna, Samson, Bob, Shannon, Joni, Lance, Leigh, Lucia, Barbara, Angela, Carissa, Carroll, Pete, Maria Isabel, C.J., Margaret, Gretchen, Mary, Henry, Maricarolyn, Louise, David, Melissa, Anthony, Valerie, and those known privately to us.

We pray for all those afflicted by the COVID-19 virus, those who care for them, the friends and families of those who have lost the battle, and for all doctors, nurses, and medical personnel who are caring for the sick.
We invite your prayers at this time. (*Pause long enough to allow people to offer prayers*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the presiding Bishop, Andy, our Bishop, Mark our Rector and for all Clergy and People.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we Pray for the Anglican Church of South America and

In the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James the Apostle of Conroe, St. Luke's of Livingston, and St. Mary's of Cypress.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Dick Bruchi and Jose Efrain del Carpio Cuba, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

HYMN *Crown him with many crowns (Diademata) (H 494)*
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 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 PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)
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.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)
Let us bless the Lord.,
Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)
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

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