Opening Sentence

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

All: And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.
Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.
Come, let us sing to the Lord;*
    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
    and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.
For you are a great God; you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth,
    and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it,
    and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
    and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
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The Psalter

at the end of the Psalm(s):

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.
Surely God is my salvation; *

I will trust and will not be afraid,

For God is my strength and my might 
and 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 and call upon God’s name;

Make known God’s deeds among the peoples; 
proclaim that God’s name is exalted;

Sing praises to the Most High who has done great things; 
let this be known in all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, 
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Beloved, let us love one another, *
   for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God,
   for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us,
   that God sent his only Son into the world,
   so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us
   and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much,
   we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us,
   and God’s love will be perfected in us.
Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her all you who love her, *

   Rejoice, rejoice with her, all you who mourn over her,
That you may drink deeply with delight
   from her comforting breast.
For thus says our God,
“I will extend peace to her like a river,
   the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.
“You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
   and you shall nestle in her lap.
“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you;
   you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
“You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice,
   you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.”
Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *

call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
    and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
    so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
    and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth,
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
    it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.
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.
Before I ventured forth, even while I was very young, *

I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.
In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, 
   and I will seek her to the end.
From first blossom to early fruit, 
   she has been the delight of my heart.
My foot has kept firmly to the true path, 
   diligently from my youth have I pursued her.
I inclined my ear a little and received her; 
   I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.
To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, 
   for I have resolved to live according to her way.
From the beginning I gained courage from her, 
   therefore I will not be forsaken.
In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her, 
   therefore have I gained a good possession.
As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language, 
   and with it will I offer praise to God.
Though in the form of God, *

Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
    and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself
    and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him
    and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
    in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
    to the glory of God the Father.
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *
  the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
It shall blossom abundantly,
  and rejoice with joy and singing.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
  the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands,
  and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, “Be strong, do not fear!
  Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you.”

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
  and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then shall the lame leap like a deer,
  and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
  and streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool
  and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The ransomed of God shall return with singing,
  with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
  and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
I will sing a new song to my God, *

for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you,

for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them,

no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths,

rocks melt like wax at your presence.

But to those who fear you,

you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,

but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.
Splendor and honor and royal power *

are yours by right, O God Most High,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a royal priesthood to serve our God.
And so, to the One who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.
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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; *  
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in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *  
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The Second Reading
Canticle 20: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis)

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 Suffrages (EOW)

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation.
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
The Collect of the Day

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The officiant offers prayers for the church, the world, and any in need.
The Lord’s Prayer

The officiant introduces the Lord’s Prayer with this or another suitable form:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,
   hallowed be your Name,
   your kingdom come,
   your will be done,
   on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
   as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
   and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
   and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.