The Service

† The General Rubrics contain directions additional to those which appear in the Services.

† The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the ☧ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

† The Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

The Confession of Sins

† The Minister shall say:

BELOVED in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Versicle. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Response. Who made heaven and earth.

‖ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

‖ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

† Then shall the Minister say:

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

† The Congregation shall say with the Minister:

O MOST Merciful God, Who hast given Thine Only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins: and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Then shall the Minister say:

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

† The Congregation shall sing or say:
Amen.

¶ The Congregation shall stand until the close of the Collect.

The Introit

¶ The Introit for the Day with the Gloria Patri shall be sung or said.

Gloria Patri

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung or said the Kyrie.

The Kyrie

℣ Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟ Lord, have mercy upon us.

℣ Christ, have mercy upon us.

℟ Christ, have mercy upon us.

℣ Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟ Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ Then shall be sung the Gloria in Excelsis.

Gloria in Excelsis

¶ The Minister shall say:

Glory be to God on high!

¶ The Congregation shall sing:

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit,
The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Then shall the Minister say the Collect for the Day (pp. 37-188).

The Collect

The Collect ended, the Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

Then shall the Minister announce the Epistle for the Day, saying:

The Epistle for (here he shall name the Festival or Day) is written in the __________ Chapter of __________, beginning at the __________ Verse.

The Epistle

The Epistle ended, the Minister shall say:

Here endeth the Epistle for the Day.

Then may the Gradual for the Day be sung.

The Gradual

When the Gradual is omitted, the Hallelujah or the Sentence for the Season may be sung.

(Sentences, p. 190.)

The Hallelujah

Hallelujah.

In Lent this Sentence shall be sung instead of the Hallelujah:

Christ hath humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the cross.

Then shall the Minister announce the Gospel for the Day, saying:

The Holy Gospel is written in the __________ Chapter of St. ___________, beginning at the __________ Verse.

The Congregation shall rise and sing or say:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Then shall the Minister read the Gospel for the Day.
The Gospel

¶ The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say:

Here endeth the Gospel for the Day.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

¶ Then shall be said or sung the Creed.

The Creed

The Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung the Hymn.

The Hymn
Then shall follow the Sermon.

The Sermon

The Sermon ended, the Congregation shall rise and the Minister shall say:

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Then shall be sung the Offertory, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.

One of the Offertories here following, or any other suitable Offertory, may be used.

The Offertory

I

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness: with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering.

II

CREATE in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall the Offering be received and placed by the Minister upon the Altar.

The Offering

Then shall follow the General Prayer.

At the end of each paragraph the Congregation may say:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

The General Prayer

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us, that, in good and honest hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well doing.
Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

Send forth Thy light and Thy truth unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Raise up faithful pastors and missionaries to preach the Gospel in our own land and to all nations; and guide, protect, and prosper them in all their labors.

Bless, we pray Thee, the institutions of the Church; its colleges, its seminaries, and all its schools; that they may send forth men and women to serve Thee, in the Ministry of the Word, the Ministry of Mercy, and all the walks of life.

Let the light of Thy Word ever shine within our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the covenant which Thou hast made with them in Holy Baptism; and grant all parents grace to bring them up in faith toward Thee and in obedience to Thy will.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President [and Congress] of the United States, the Governor [and Legislature] of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy Name and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most Merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our many transgressions; but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace and mercy, defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble, show Thyself a very present Help, the Saviour of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to all lawful occupations on land and sea: to all pure arts and useful knowledge: and crown them with Thy blessing.

¶ Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have us ask of Thee. God, vouchsafe unto us, for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

¶ Then shall the Minister and the Congregation say the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung a Hymn.

Hymn

¶ If there be no Communion, the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say the Benediction.

The Benediction

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

The Holy Communion

¶ When there is a Communion, the Minister shall go to the Altar during the singing of the Hymn. After Silent Prayer, he shall uncover the Vessels and reverently prepare for the Administration of the Holy Sacrament.

¶ The Congregation shall rise and stand until the end of the Agnus Dei.

The Preface

¶ The Minister shall say:

χ. The Lord be with you.
χχ. And with thy spirit.
χ. Lift up your hearts.
χχ. We lift them up unto the Lord.

χ. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
χχ. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ Then shall the Minister turn to the Altar and say:

IT is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God:

¶ Here shall follow the Proper Preface for the Day or Season. If there be none especially appointed, there shall follow immediately, Therefore with Angels, etc.
Proper Prefaces

For Christmas

FOR in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory; that seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Epiphany

AND now do we praise Thee, that Thou didst send unto us Thine Only-begotten Son, and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst reveal the fullness of Thy Glory. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Lent

WHO on the Tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence life also might rise again: and that he who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a Tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord; through Whom with Angels, etc.

For Easter

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of the Ascension

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, after His Resurrection, appeared openly to all His disciples, and in their sight was taken up into Heaven, that He might make us partakers of His Divine Nature. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of Pentecost

THROUGH Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour; Who ascending above the heavens and sitting at Thy right hand, poured out [on this day] the Holy Spirit as He had promised, upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Festival of the Holy Trinity

WHO with Thine Only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art One God, One Lord. And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in Person, and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty Co-equal. Therefore with Angels, etc.

¶ After the Preface shall follow immediately:
THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

¶ Then shall be sung or said the Sanctus.

The Sanctus

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

¶ Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister say the Words of Institution.

The Words of Institution

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, ¹ took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My ☩ Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also, He ² took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He took the Cup gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My ☩ Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

¶ Then shall the Minister turn to the Congregation and say:

The Peace of the Lord be with you alway.

¹ Here he shall take the Paten with the BREAD, in his hand.

² Here he shall take the CUP in his hand.
The Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

Then shall be sung or said the Agnus Dei.

Agnus Dei

O CHRIST, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Then shall the Communicants present themselves before the Altar and receive the Holy Sacrament.

The Administration of the Holy Sacrament

When the Minister giveth the Bread he shall say:

Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, given for thee.

When he giveth the Cup he shall say:

Take and drink, this is the Blood of the New Testament, shed for thy sins.

After he hath given the Bread and the Cup, the Minister shall say:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto everlasting life.

Then shall the Congregation rise, and the Nunc Dimittis may be sung or said.

The Nunc Dimittis

LORD, now letest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word; For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said the Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving

The Minister shall say:
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
And His mercy endureth for ever.

WE give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us with this Thy salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

¶ Then may be sung or said the Salutation and the Benedicamus.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¶ Then shall the Minister say the Benediction.

The Benediction

THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.