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FIRST GENERAL OFFICE

ALL STANDING, a hymn may be sung.

Having entered, the Priest opens the Word and reads a sentence of Scripture.

ALL MAY SING:

AMEN

A - men and a - men.

PRIEST: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. *Psalm 95: 6*

ALL KNEEL.

PRIEST: Unto Thee do I lift up mine eyes,

PEOPLE: O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

PRIEST: Be merciful unto us, O Lord.

PEOPLE: Be merciful unto us. *Psalm 123: 1, 3*

PRIEST: Let me hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning.

PEOPLE: For in Thee do I trust.

PRIEST: Make me to know the way wherein I shall go.

PEOPLE: For unto Thee do I lift up my soul. *Psalm 143: 8*

ALL: Lord God, who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants: we confess that we have sinned and have done perversely in Thy sight. But now, O Lord, we would return unto Thee with all our heart and with all our soul. Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwellingplace, and when Thou hearest, forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart Thou knowest; for Thou, even Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men. And grant, O Lord, that we may fear Thee all the days of our life. Amen. *An adaptation of I Kings 8: 23–53*

PRIEST: Search me, O God, and know my heart.

PEOPLE: Try me, and know my thoughts.

PRIEST: And see if there be any wicked way in me.

PEOPLE: And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139: 23, 24

The PRIEST may offer a prayer.

ALL: Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 6: 9-13

PRIEST: Let Thy words abide in us, O Lord,

PEOPLE: For without Thee we can do nothing.

From John 15: 5

STILL KNEELING, ALL SING:

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HEAVENLY FATHER, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US

pp Heav - en - ly Fa - ther gra - cious - ly hear us.
Hear the pe - ti - tions we of - fer be - fore Thee.

mp Let Thy mer - cy rest up - on us. *pp* Heav - en - ly

pp Fa - ther, gra - cious - ly hear us. Hear our prayer! Hear our prayer!

ALL STAND.

PRIEST: Glory be to the Lord God our Savior Jesus Christ.

From 2 Peter 3: 18

PEOPLE: He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

From Revelation 22: 13

PRIEST: Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

81 *ALL SING:*

SANCTUS

♩ = 120

mf Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Hosts; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy

ff glo - ry. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. A - men. *mf*

Cf. Isaiah 6: 3

A psalter or recitation may be introduced, after which the Gloria may be sung.

82 *ALL SING:*

GLORIA

mf Glory and might be un - to Him, For ever and ever, a - men,

f Who is and who was and who is to come, The Al - might - y. *ff* A - men. *mf*

Cf. Revelation 1: 6, 8

The PEOPLE SITTING, the first lesson is read.

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A children's talk may be introduced, followed by a prayer and/or benediction.

The children may leave during the following musical selection.

ALL STANDING, a musical selection may be sung.

The PEOPLE SITTING, the second and third lessons are read.

ALL STANDING, a musical selection may be sung.

An INTERLUDE may follow.

ALL STANDING, a musical selection may be sung.

The Priest, having entered the pulpit, offers the following or other invocation:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The PEOPLE SITTING, the sermon follows.

The PEOPLE STANDING, the Priest may offer a prayer or say the following:

And now to the one only God, Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and
dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Cf. Revelation 1: 6

A musical selection may be sung, during which the offering is brought forward and dedicated.

The offertory may also be introduced after the musical selection with the following or other sentence:

And God said, "Bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering."
Exodus 25: 2

In this instance an offertory Anthem or Doxology may follow during which the offering is brought forward and dedicated.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

ALL KNEELING, the Priest offers a prayer.

The PEOPLE STILL KNEELING, the benediction follows:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Revelation 22: 21

The PEOPLE STANDING, the Priest closes the Word.

A musical selection may be sung, during which the Priest retires.