

SCHOOL OPENING

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ALL STANDING, a prelude may be played during which the pupils enter.

A hymn may be sung.

The Priest, having opened the Word, may read a sentence of Scripture, followed by an invitation to prayer.

ALL KNEEL.

PRIEST: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. *Psalm 19: 14*

PUPILS: God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. *Psalm 67: 1*

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: O Lord, forgive us our trespasses,

PUPILS: As we forgive those who trespass against us. *From Matthew 6: 14*

PRIEST: Amen.

ALL STANDING, a doxology or other selection may be sung.

The pupils may recite the Ten Commandments or other selection from Scripture or doctrine, after which a doxology or other selection is sung.

The CONGREGATION SITTING, the lessons are read.

The Priest may offer an address.

ALL STANDING, a musical selection may be sung.

PRIEST, facing the altar:

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You. Amen.

Psalm 33: 22

The Priest closes the Word.

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

A postlude is played while the pupils retire.