NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE
The following (Song of Mary) or another canticle is sung or said.
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

HYMN
BLESSING
The seasonal blessing may be said.
The blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you (us) always.
Amen.

Service of the Word

OPENING RESPONSES
Praise God! For the Lord our God is King.
Let us rejoice and be glad; let us praise his greatness.
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
to receive honour and glory and praise.
He loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and
Father.
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,
be praise and honour and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.
We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed
by our own fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus’ sake,
forgive us all our sins,
and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has
given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins.
To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become
children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes
and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.
Amen.
APOSTLES’ CREED
As God’s people through our baptism into Christ, let us confess our faith.
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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come 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

*or: Christian; ‘catholic’ here means ‘universal’

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE
The following (Isaiah 12:1–6) or another canticle is sung or said.
I will thank you, Lord.
Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.
Surely God is my salvation; I will trust him and not be afraid.
The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.
Shout and sing for joy, people of Zion.
for Israel’s holy God is great, and he lives among you.
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray ... one God, now and forever.
Amen.

READINGS
A period of silence may follow
PSALM/HYMN
SERMON
HYMN
OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
LORD’S PRAYER
Finally, let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask, saying;
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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.