Season: Sundays in Ordinary Time (after Pentecost)

Liturgy: Morning Prayer (Matins)

Book: *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978)

*This service should be used only when no ordained presbyter (pastor) is presiding. If an ordained presbyter is presiding, use the Holy Communion liturgy instead.*

*Additional notes:*

* *Traditionally only one lesson is read at morning prayer, that being a reading from the Old Testament, though the reading is often longer than the one provided for in the lectionary for Sunday mass. The reading may be drawn from the daily lectionary for the prayer offices if preferred.*
* *An additional psalm may be included before the OT Canticle.*
* *The rubrics for silence and the inclusion of a psalm prayer are commended. The psalm prayers may be found in the LBW Altar Book or the LBW—Minister’s Desk Edition.*
* *The separated section (beginning with offering and conclusion with sermon prayer) is optional.*
* *The closing section (beginning with the Paschal Blessing) is optional but commended for Sundays, feasts, and festivals. If dropped, employ the benedictions where indicated in the rubrics.*
* *If the liturgical music included in the liturgy is deemed too difficult, the “For the Detail-Minded” section of the web page lists alternates that can be found among the canticles and hymns in the LBW.*

p.131 Opening Versicles (“O Lord, open my lips…”)

p.132 *Venite exultemus* (“Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord…”)

p.\_\_\_ Psalm

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#19 Old Testament Canticle: *Cantemus Domino* (“I Will Sing to the Lord”)

#\_\_\_\_ Hymn

Old Testament Lesson

*Responsorium beve*

p.133 Versicle (“In many and various ways…”)

p.134 *Benedictus* (“Blessed be the Lord…”)

p.136 Prayers

p.137 Lord’s Prayer

p.137 *Benedicamus* (“Let us bless the Lord…”)

p.137 Offering

#\_\_\_\_ Hymn

Sermon

p.137 Sermon Prayer

p.139 Paschal Blessing (“As many as have been baptized into Christ…”)

p.138 Resurrection Gospel according to St. Luke (“On the first day of the week…”)

p.138 *Te Deum* (“You are God…”)

p.141 Closing Prayer (“O God, for our redemption…”)

p.141 Benediction

Explanatory Material

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| p.131 Opening Versicles | Like all parts of the liturgy, this may be sung or said. [L] indicates leader. |
| p.132 *Venite exultemus* | The [I] and the [II] indicate optional divisions for singing (or reciting). For example, [I] could be assigned to the left side and [II] to the right. |
| p.\_\_\_ Psalm | At least one psalm is chanted/recited. This can be the psalm appointed for the mass in the lectionary or it can be one of the psalms appointed for the day found on the chart Psalms for Daily Prayer (*LBW*, 178).  A psalm prayer follows each psalm. The psalm prayers may be found in the Altar Missal. |
| p.\_\_\_ Psalm | It is appropriate that more than one psalm be chanted/recited on a Sunday. This psalm may be selected from the chart for Psalms for Daily Prayer (LBW, 178). |
| #19 OT Canticle | The *Cantemus Domino* is suggested, but any OT canticle (except #2) may be used). |
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| OT Lesson | The OT Lesson appointed for the mass may be used, but the OT lesson appointed in the Daily Lectionary may (*LBW*, 179-192) be used instead. |
| #\_\_\_\_ Hymn |  |
| *Responsorium beve* | This is optional. It is not a sermon; it is also not to be confused with the versicle that follows. It is a special call and response between the leader and the congregation. If desired, talk to the bishop or refer to the Responsory webpage. |
| p.133 Versicle | “In many and various ways…” |
| p.134 *Benedictus* | “Blessed be the Lord….” If this is too difficult to sing, #2 may be used. |
| p.136 Prayers | The standard pattern is to offer three prayers (*i.e.*, the appointed Prayer of the Day, an appropriate prayer from Petitions, Intercessions, and Thanksgivings [*LBW*, 42-51], and the office prayer found on p.136 [“O Lord, almighty and everlasting God…”]). As rubric #9 indicates, alternative forms may be used. |
| p.137 Lord’s Prayer |  |
| p.137 *Benedicamus* | “Let us bless the Lord…” |
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| p.137 Offering  #\_\_\_\_ Hymn  Sermon  p.137 Sermon Prayer | This section is optional. |
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| p.139 Paschal Blessing | “As many as have been baptized into Christ…” |
| p.138 Resurrection Gospel according to St. Luke | “On the first day of the week…” |
| p.138 *Te Deum* | “You are God…” | If too difficult, #3 or #535 may be used instead. |
| p.141 Closing Prayer | “O God, for our redemption…” |
| p.141 Benediction |  |