Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Reading
Thanks be to God.

The First Song of Isaiah
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud,
inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. 
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 life, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord; and grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness; let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; for only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care; and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth; your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God; and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being; we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.
RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: The light begins slowly.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: We couldn’t take it all in one burst.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: It would be too bright.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: Our minds wouldn’t grasp it.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: In the same way God reveals himself to us.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: We can’t see God in all of his glory.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: it would send us over the edge.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: Slower is better.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: We see things as we need to see them.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: All things happen in God’s time, not ours.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: The more we pay attention, the more we see.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: The more we see, the more we understand.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: God gave us the light as a gift.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: We will follow the light.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: His Word is a light on the path.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: The light begins slowly.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: We couldn’t take it all in one burst.
Group: Remove the darkness, God.
Leader: Amen.