Season: Christmas Sundays

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 Versicles (“O Lord, open my lips…”)

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

p.\_\_\_ Psalm

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#8 Old Testament Canticle: “The People Who Walked in Darkness”

#\_\_\_\_ Hymn

 Old Testament Lesson

p.133 *Responsorium breve* (“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