ST. BART’S CUSTOMARY FOR MORNING PRAYER

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, FIND AND MARK BOTH THE PSALM AND READINGS

• Remember: odd years = year 1, even years = year 2.
• Use the Morning Prayer Psalm. Don’t include Psalms set off by brackets [].
• The reading is the New Testament reading.
• Note: By leading this you are helping to create an environment for people to read and pray Scripture. The focus of The Daily Office (Morning and Evening Prayer) is Scripture.

All parts are led by the Officiant, except the readings, which are read by the Lector.

OPENING SENTENCES - (standing) (BCP 75-78)

• Invite people to turn to page where their participation begins.
• Offer an opening sentence appropriate to the season. (Choose 1)

CONFESSION OF SIN - (kneeling) (BCP 79)

• When we lead the Daily Office at St. Bart’s, we will do the confession in the more penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.
  - When I say the Daily Office in private, I choose to say the confession daily, except during the Easter; you might choose to do the same in your private devotions.
• Choose either “opening.” (Dear friends… or Let us confess…)
• End by leading the “lay version of the absolution.”
  - Change pronouns to “us” and “our”.

THE INVITATORY - (standing) (BCP 80)

• Invite people to stand.
• Invite all to the Invitatory, specifying whether or not there is an antiphon (specific to the season.)

THE PSALM - (seated) (BCP 84)

• Invite people to be seated and join in praying The Psalm and give The Psalm number and starting page number.
• It is the lector’s choice on how to lead.
  - Give clear, easy to understand direction.
    - “Let us pray the psalm antiphonally by verse.” (One side of the room reads a verse, then the other.)
      - “Let us pray the psalm antiphonally, breaking at the asterisk.”
    - “Let us pray the psalm responsively.” (Lector reads a verse, then the congregation reads a verse.)
      - “Let us pray the psalm responsively, breaking at the asterisk.”
      - “Let us pray the psalm in unison.”
• End with the Gloria (Glory to the Father…)
  - If you say two Psalms, say the Gloria at the end of the second psalm.
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LESSON - Lector - (seated)
- Read the NT lesson.

CANTICLE - (standing) (BCP 85-96)
- Invite people to stand.
- Choose a canticle.
- End with the Gloria. (Glory to the Father…)

THE APOSTLES CREED - (standing until the end of the service) (BCP 96)

THE PRayers - (BCP 97)
- Choose traditional or modern version of The Lord’s Prayer.

SUFFRAGES - (BCP 97-98)
- Choose Suffrages A or B.

COLLECTS - (BCP 98-101)
- Choose two of the collects.
- Choose one collect for mission.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - (BCP 101) (BCP 394-395)
- Invite intercessory prayer.
  - (“For whom else shall we pray,” “I now invite your prayers for intercession.” etc.)
  - Close with one of the eight collects on pages 394-395

THE CLOSE OF THE OFFICE - (BCP 101-102)
- Choose The General Thanksgiving or A Prayer for St. Chrysostom.

CLOSING SCRIPTURE PASSAGE - (BCP 102)
- Choose one.