Matins at a glance

[Beginning exclamation]

[“O come let us worship” and the Royal Psalms (19, 20)]

[Trisagion through Our Father, troparia]

[Short Augmented Litany]

[Second Exclamation:  Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity...]

Six Psalms (3, 37, 62, 87, 102, 142)

Great Litany

God is the Lord (four times) and troparia --OR-- Alleluia (three times three) and troparia

Two kathismata, followed by sessional hymns.

[Polyeleos --OR-- Psalm 118]

[Megalynarion  with selected Psalm verses--OR-- Eulogitaria of the Resurrection]

[Small Litany followed by a Sessional hymn --OR-- Hypakoe]

[Odes of Ascent]

[Prokeimenon, Let every breath praise the Lord, Gospel reading]

[Having beheld the resurrection of Christ -- Sundays, Paschal period, the Exultation of the Cross and Lazarus Saturday only]

Psalm 50

[Stichera of the Resurrection or Feast or Saint]

[Petition:  Save O God Thy people and bless Thine inheritance...]

[Exclamation:: Through the grace and compassions and love for mankind of Thine Only-begotten Son...]

Canon (Note:  This is the biggest part of Matins.)
Exapostilarion/Photogogicon

"Let Every breath praise the Lord" (Psalms 148-150)
[sometimes sung, with stichera, as at Lord I have cried; otherwise read without stichera]

Doxology (Great, i.e. sung, or small, i.e. read, according to the typicon for the day)

Apolytikon and Augmented Litany [May occur after the aposticha, as at Vespers]

Litany of Fervent Supplication

[Aposticha. Prayer: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord and to praise Thy name, O Most High..., Trisagion through Our Father]

[If there is an aposticha at Matins, the Apolytikon and Augmented Litany occur here.]

Deacon: Wisdom!
Choir: (Father/Master) Bless!
Priest (or Bishop): He Who is is blessed, Christ our God...
Choir: Establish, O God, the holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox christians, unto the ages of ages!

[rest of dismissal sequence, if Polyeleos rank or higher]

The First Hour follows immediately.

Note: Bracketed elements in italics do not always occur.