Vespers at a glance

Opening exclamation

"O come let us worship," proëmial psalm (103)

Great Litany

One Kathisma

"Lord I have cried" with stichera

[Entrance]

"O joyous light"

Prokeimenon

[Readings]

Augmented Litany (Lord have mercy three times) [May occur after the apolytikon]

Prayer: "Vouchsafe O Lord"

Litany of fervent supplication ("Grant this O Lord")

[Entreaty/Lite/Litija]

Aposticha

Prayer: Now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Lord... Trisagion through Our Father.

Apolytikion (Dismissal hymn, commonly called "troparion")

[Blessing of bread, wheat, wine and oil at Vigil, if appointed, followed by "Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore" and the first half of Psalm 33]

[Augmented Litany occurs here at a simple service]

[Dismissal, if not a vigil]

Note: Bracketed elements in italics do not always occur.