



EASTER SEASON

Order of Service
for
Holy Communion

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Please sit or kneel

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7-8

We keep a moment in quiet

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
We come to you in sorrow for our sins,
And confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
And not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
As faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
And doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and
free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you
by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord.

Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
and the living one; I was dead,
and behold I am alive for evermore.

cf Revelation 1.17,18

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to
St John

Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end we say

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please stand for the Creed.

The Creed

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I invite you to affirm your faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.....

The prayers are concluded with the words

accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

Please stand for the sharing of the peace

Sharing of the Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you and all that we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us that we may bring light to your world.

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer (H)

Please remain standing for Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel; we keep silent for a moment

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, we pray as Jesus taught us

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Prayers after Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Collect

**God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life;
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Acclamation and Commission

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Do please stay for refreshments following this service.

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