

Holy Communion - Easter Season



The Gathering

THE GREETING

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

All And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We sit for the NOTICES and the INTRODUCTION to the service.

We sit or kneel as we pray a PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

**All 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.**

We have a time of CONFESSION, a time when we acknowledge our failings before God and ask and receive his forgiveness.

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

All 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.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

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.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

We stand as we say the GLORIA.

**All 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

The COLLECT, the church's special prayer for the day, is prayed.

The Word of God

We sit to hear our first BIBLE READING.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand for our GOSPEL READING.

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.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit to hear the SERMON.

THE CREED

We stand to affirm our faith.

Let us declare our 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We sit or kneel for our PRAYERS.

Our response to the prayers may be:

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of our prayers, we may pray:

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Eucharist



THE PEACE

*We **stand** to share the PEACE.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
"Peace be with you."

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We share with one another a sign of peace, such as a handshake.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*We remain **standing** as the collection is brought forward and the table is prepared.*

All Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
in your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*We remain **standing** for the **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER.***

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

All 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**.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died, alleluia!
Christ has risen, alleluia!
Christ will come again in glory. Alleluia!**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us with your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so
we pray:

**All 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 BREAD, and says:

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

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

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Please come forward for communion. If you don't normally receive communion you are welcome to come up for a prayer of blessing—you can indicate this by holding this booklet in your hand when you come forward.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the end of communion, the minister may pray a prayer, and then we all pray:

**All Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

THE BLESSING

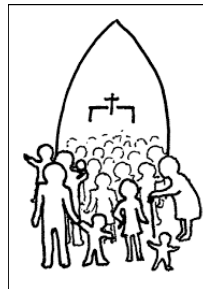
*We remain **seated** for a final BLESSING.*

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All Amen.



God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead
at work within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

