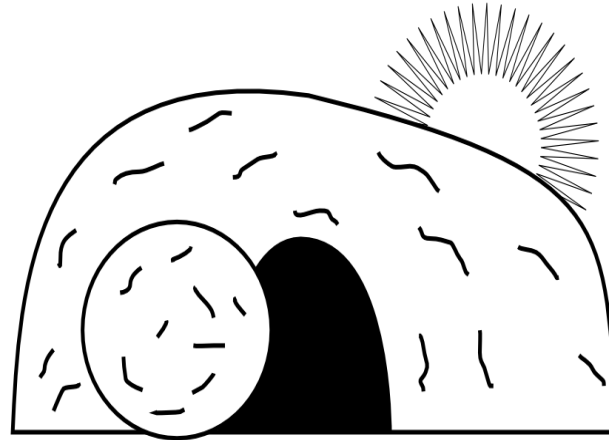
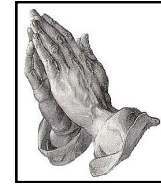


**St Barbara's Church
Earlsdon**



**Easter Sunday
Family Communion**

The Gathering



Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We sit for our notices.

We stand to sing our **OPENING HYMN.**

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

We sit or kneel for **CONFESSION**

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 you
resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our 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.

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.

*We stand to sing God's praise in the words of the **GLORIA:***

Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,

**Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you, glory in the highest
Give you thanks, glory in the highest
Praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

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;
Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.
Receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

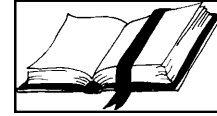
**Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

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 glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest,
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**
Amen, **Amen.**

*The minister prays the **COLLECT**, the church's special prayer for the day.*

The Word of God



Please sit, as we hear our first reading from the Bible.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*We stand to sing our next **HYMN***

*We remain standing for the reading of the **GOSPEL**.*

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.

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **SERMON**.*

*We stand to **AFFIRM OUR FAITH**:*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

We sit or kneel for our **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.**

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

Our response to each section of our prayers is:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At the end of our prayers , we pray:

Merciful Father:

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour

Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

And also with you.

*We exchange a sign of peace with each other with a handshake
and the words "Christ is risen."*

We remain standing to sing our **OFFERTORY HYMN**, *during
which a collection is taken for the work of the church, and the
bread and wine are placed on the holy table.*

We say together:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power

the glory, the splendour and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you

and of your own do we give you.

We remain standing for the **EUCCHARISTIC 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 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 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, heaven and earth are full,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is He who comes, Blest is he who comes,
Blest is He who comes, Blest is he who comes,
In the name of the Lord, In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
And as we obey his command,
Send your Spirit,
That broken bread and wine outpoured
May be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
And taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
In him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
Made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
We proclaim his death and resurrection
Until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, alleluia!
Christ has risen, alleluia!
Christ will come again in glory. Alleluia!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Lord of all life,
Help us to work together for that day
When your kingdom comes
And justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.



Look with favour on your people ,
Gather us in your loving arms
And bring us with all the saints
To feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

We pray the LORD'S PRAYER together:

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

**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 THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts are hungry for you;
Give us bread always.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

Please come up for communion as directed. If you don't normally receive communion please feel free to come up for a prayer of blessing—simply keep your hands by your sides and heads bowed. And please do bring children up for a prayer of blessing too.

Please do join in the hymns during communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together:
**God of our salvation,
You have restored us to life,
You have brought us back again into your love
By the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
As we go to live in the power of your Spirit,
To your praise and glory. Amen.**

We may hear back from the children.

An anthem may be sung.

The Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Amen.

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

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.

Amen.

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

Amen.

*We sing our **FINAL HYMN**, as the ministers, servers and choir process to the exit doors. Please turn as they pass.*

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please do join us for refreshments in the church hall at the end of the service.

