

Holy Communion in Eastertide



HYMN

Please stand as *the organ introduces the first hymn. There are blue hymnbooks in the pews, and the hymn numbers are displayed on boards around the church.*

THE GREETING

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

President The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome.

CONFESSION

President The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

President Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, † pardon, and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**All sing Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**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
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

The President reads The Collect prayer, and we respond "Amen".

BIBLE READING

We sit for the first reading and at the end we respond:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING

We remain standing for the Gospel reading, introduced with this greeting:

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

President Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end, we respond:

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON & REFLECTION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Everyone is invited to stand.

President Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together the Faith of the Church.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

President This is the faith of the church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel for our time of prayer. After each prayer, we respond:

Int Jesus, Lord of Life:

All In your mercy hear us.

The prayers end with these words:

Int Merciful Father,

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

THE PEACE

President 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.

**All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN

During this hymn, the gifts of the people are presented at the altar.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President 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, women and children
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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest**

† **Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

President We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalen and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All sing Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

President 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 the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All sing **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

President Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus
Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed
for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to share in Holy Communion, receiving the bread intincted in the wine, if that is your usual practice; or receiving a blessing if you prefer. Everyone is invited to join in the hymn during Communion.

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PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

The President reads the prayer after communion given for this day, and we response “Amen”.

All **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us
in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

The President reads Banns and gives out the notices for the week.

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THE CONCLUSION

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

President God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from
the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk
with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;
✠ and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always.

All **Amen.**

President Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY FOR TEA, COFFEE
AND JUCE SERVED AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH**