

Saint Mary the Virgin Shenfield



The Eucharist

Eastertide and Pentecost

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church

The Gathering

The Celebrant greets the people, saying

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

All may say

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.

The Prayers of Penitence

The Celebrant invites all to confess their sins.

Then all say

We confess to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and to all our fellow members in the Body of Christ, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone.

Most loving Father,
where sin has divided and scattered, may your love make one again:

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Where sin has brought weakness, may your power heal and strengthen:

All Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Where sin has brought death, may your Spirit raise to new life:

All Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant gives the absolution.

God, who is both power and love, set you free from your sins, help you to new ways of living and give you the power and healing of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Eastertide to Ascension Day

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead;
by his death he has trampled down death
All **and through the grave all life has been set free. Alleluia!**

From the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people,
All **and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Gloria in Excelsis

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 Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

When the Gospel is announced

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

During the prayers

Lord, hear us.

or

Lord, in your mercy

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant introduces the Peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Prayers

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessèd be God for ever.**

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessèd be God for ever.**

The Celebrant says the prayer over the gifts.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Prefaces for Eastertide to Ascension Day

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole.

or

And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us eternal life and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Short Preface for Ascension Day to the Eve of the Day of Pentecost

And now we give you thanks that, after he had ascended far above all heavens, and was seated at the right hand of your majesty, he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit; that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

Short Preface for the Day of Pentecost

And now we give you thanks that, after he had ascended far above all heavens, and was seated at the right hand of your majesty, he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit; that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

or

Extended Preface for Eastertide to Ascension Day

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:

Extended Preface for Ascension Day to the Eve of the Day of Pentecost

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

Extended Preface for the Day of Pentecost

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus

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

Benedictus

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of blessed Mary the Virgin, the apostles and prophets, saints and martyrs, and all our brothers and sisters living and departed, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Eastertide to Ascension Day

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

Ascension Day

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

From the day after Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

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.

The Giving of Communion

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Post-Communion Prayer

All may say

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending Out

The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

The Dismissal Gospel

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

When the Gospel is announced

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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