

The Paschal Triduum



Maundy Thursday p2 † Good Friday p14 † Easter p22



We enter the church on Thursday evening. At the entrance of the ministers.

THE GREETING

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

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The priest says some informal words of welcome.

HYMN

**1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.**

**3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.**

**2. Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.**

**4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ says
'If you love me, keep my commandments.
Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.'

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

The priest pronounces the absolution and all respond:

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

Let us pray.

**God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes.
May he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.**

READINGS

We sit.

A reading from the book of the Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The tradition which I handed on to you came to me from the Lord himself: that the Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread and, after giving thanks to God, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and said: 'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

We stand

**1. Sister, brother, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**6. Sister, brother, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely

clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.’ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

THE FOOT WASHING

The priest washes the feet of the deacon; the deacon washes the feet of another member of the congregation, who washes the feet of another, and so on, until all who are willing to wash and be washed have participated; the last washes the feet of the priest.

During the foot washing we remain seated and sing:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics 'U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor,' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody and accompaniment, with a triplet of eighth notes in the melody. The lyrics 'u-bi ca-ri - tas De-us i - bi est.' are written below the second staff.

*Where charity and love are,
Where charity is, God is there.*

When all have returned to their places, the following prayer is said:

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us
and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us
and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us
and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us
and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us
and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us
and welcome all your children into paradise.

THE PEACE

We stand.

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We offer those around us a suitable greeting.

**1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture—
in the Body and the Blood—
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

At the eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors,
but we who were redeemed
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,
from mourning to feasting.
We know that as he was with them in the upper room
so our Lord is here with us now.

**Until the kingdom of God comes
let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we sing:

**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.**

We kneel. The priest recalls the last supper. Bells are rung when the bread and wine are lifted up. At the end we say or sing:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues, and may conclude in either of these forms:

... 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

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 OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI

We sing:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN

The image shows a musical score for a communion hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system includes the instruction 'cresc.' above the final note. The lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be hun-gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.'

After the distribution, the remaining consecrated bread is placed in a ciborium on the Altar.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

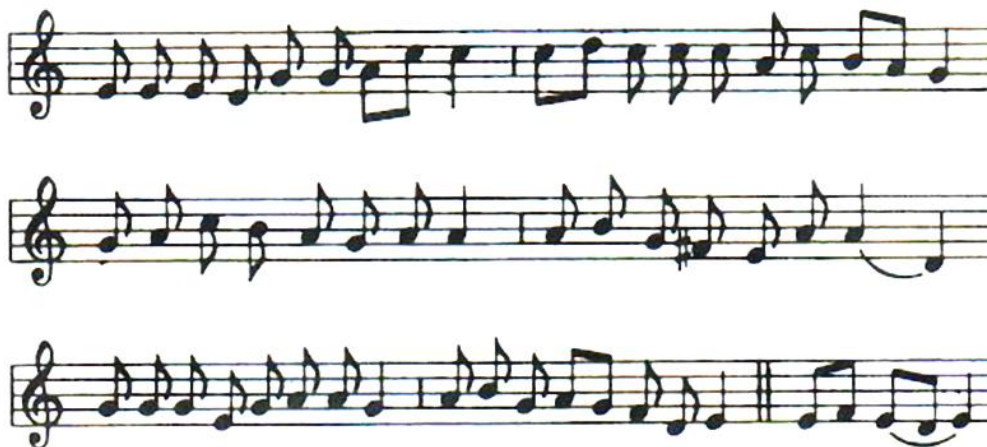
Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

The priest receives a cope and takes up the Sacrament.

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

We follow the priest to the Lady Chapel and stand in the North transept whilst the priest places the Sacrament on the altar of repose and prostrates.



**1. Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a noble womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.**

**3. At the last great supper lying
circled by his chosen band,
duly with the law complying,
first he finished its command,
then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself with his own hand.**

**5. Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.**

**2. Given for us, for us descending,
of a virgin to proceed,
man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the gospel seed,
till his sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.**

**4. Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
bread his very flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.**

**6. Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is one.**

Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

We remain in silence until the priest stands, then move in silence to take our seats in the front pews of the nave.

We remain seated to say Psalm 22 together, as the altar and ornaments are removed from the chancel steps and the sanctuary.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,
and are so far from my salvation,
from the words of my distress?**
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime,
but you do not answer;
and by night also, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4 Our forebears trusted in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.**
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**
- 8 ‘He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.’**
- 9 But it is you that took me out of the womb
and laid me safe upon my mother’s breast.**
- 10 On you was I cast ever since I was born;
you are my God even from my mother’s womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand
and there is none to help.**
- 12 Mighty oxen come around me;
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.**
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths,
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.**
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart has become like wax
melting in the depths of my body.**
- 15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue cleaves to my gums;
you have laid me in the dust of death.**
- 16 For the hounds are all about me,
the pack of evildoers close in on me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.**

**17 I can count all my bones;
they stand staring and looking upon me.**

**18 They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

**19 Be not far from me, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

**20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my poor life from the power of the dog.**

**21 Save me from the lion's mouth,
from the horns of wild oxen.**

You have answered me!

**22 I will tell of your name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.**

**23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.**

**24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them;
but when they cried to him he heard them.**

**25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.**

**26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.**

**27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**28 For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.**

**29 How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?**

**30 He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

**31 They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be. Amen.**

CONCLUSION: THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

The lights are dimmed and we sit in silence.

Three passages from the Gospel according to St Mark are read, with silence between them.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'

Mark 14.32-36

Silence.

He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.

Mark 14.37-40

Silence.

He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.' Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled.

Mark 14.41-50

We stay and keep vigil for as long as is right, then depart in silence.

At the end of the vigil, the reserved sacrament is consumed and the sanctuary light is extinguished.

On Friday afternoon we enter the church again in silence. The ministers kneel at the chancel steps.

THE COLLECT

We stand.

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PSALM

- 1 **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, ♦
and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?**
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime,
but you do not answer; ♦
and by night also, but I find no rest.**
- 3 **Yet you are the Holy One, ♦
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4 **Our forebears trusted in you; ♦
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 **They cried out to you and were delivered; ♦
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.**
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm and no man, ♦
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 **All who see me laugh me to scorn; ♦
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**
- 8 **‘He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; ♦
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.’**
- 9 **But it is you that took me out of the womb ♦
and laid me safe upon my mother’s breast.**
- 10 **On you was I cast ever since I was born; ♦
you are my God even from my mother’s womb.**
- 11 **Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand ♦
and there is none to help.**

We sit or kneel. The whole congregation is asked to play the parts marked in bold.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, gathered out of the four Gospels.

We sing verses from 'Were You There When They Crucified My Lord'

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

Scribes: Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Narrator: Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said

Judas: What will you give me if I betray him to you?

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."

Narrator: When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared,

Jesus: Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Narrator: One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

John: Lord, who is it?

Jesus: It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.

Narrator: So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him.

Jesus: Do quickly what you are going to do.

Narrator: So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: Take, eat; This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator: And he did the same with the cup after supper:

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

Peter: I will lay down my life for you.

Jesus: Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And all of them said the same.

We sing verses from 'My Song is Love Unknown.'

**1. He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
but sin made blind, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.**

**2. Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**3. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.**

**4. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.**

**5. Here might I stay and sing: no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.**

Narrator: And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

Narrator: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed:

Jesus: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Narrator: He came and found them sleeping:

Jesus: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Narrator: And again he went away and prayed. And once more he came and found them sleeping. He came a third time:

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Narrator: Immediately, Judas arrived and with him was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

Jesus: For whom are you looking?

All: Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus: I am he.

Narrator: They stepped back and fell to the ground.

Jesus: For whom are you looking?

All: Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

Narrator: Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear.

Jesus: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled?

Narrator: They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed at a distance; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest asked Jesus,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Jesus remains silent

High Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Jesus: I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes

High Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

All: Prophecy! Prophecy! Prophecy!

Narrator: The guards also took him over and beat him. Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came:

Girl 1: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him:

Girl 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Peter: I do not know the man.

Bystanders: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Peter: I do not know the man!

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

We sing 'O Sacred Head, sore wounded.'

**1. O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn;
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour the hosts of heav'n adore!**

**2. Thy beauty, long-desired, hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace,
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.**

**3. In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.**

**4. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine for ever! and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.**

**5. My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not in death's most fearful hour;
that I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.**

Narrator: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

Pilate: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

Jesus: My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

Pilate: So you are a king?

Jesus: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Pilate: What is truth?

Narrator: Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

All: Barabbas! Barabbas! Barabbas!

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

All: Let him be crucified!

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

All: Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified!

Narrator: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe, saying

All: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: Pilate went out again and said to the crowd,

Pilate: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him. Here is the man!

All: Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Where are you from?

Jesus remains silent

Pilate: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

Jesus: You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

Narrator: Pilate brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement.

Pilate: Here is your King!

All: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?

All: We have no king but the emperor.

Narrator: Then he handed him over to be crucified.

We sing 'When I survey the wondrous cross.'

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
the very things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4. His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.**

**5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Narrator: The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' Two others, criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator: And the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Leaders: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, offering him sour wine:

Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator: One of the criminals kept deriding him:

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: But the other rebuked him:

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator: When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Bystanders: Listen, he is calling for Elijah. Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator: This is the Passion of the Lord.

We stand and keep silence together for two minutes.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

We remain standing. The cross is processed to the chancel steps, pausing as we say:

The cross of Christ.

The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.

When the cross has been placed in the chancel arch, we sit or kneel in silence.

THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Please come forward one at a time, to pray before the cross in whatever way the Spirit moves you.

THE ACCLAMATIONS

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.
Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,
save us and help us, we humbly pray.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer, silence is kept; then we say:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 CONCLUSION

Silence is kept. A concluding prayer is said, to which all respond:

Amen.

We depart in silence.

On Saturday there is nothing.

On Sunday morning we gather again outside the north door of the church.

THE NEW FIRE

A fire is lit.

Eternal God, who made this most holy dawn
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Easter candle is marked.

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him,
and all ages; to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

Amen.

Incense studs are inserted into the Paschal Candle.

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

The priest lights the Easter candle with the taper, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Other candles are lit from the Easter candle. We go into church. We process down the North aisle, and back up the Nave, pausing to sing:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Easter candle is placed on a stand at the chancel steps. We all gather round it and all the other candles in the church are now lit.

THE EXSULTET

**Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your King in glorious symphony!**

**Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past, the day of life is here!**

**Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death,
paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.
Glory to you for ever.

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.
Glory to you for ever.

This is the morning when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea.
Glory to you for ever.

This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.
Glory to you for ever.

This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.
Glory to you for ever.

This is the day that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.
Glory to you for ever.

**Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.
Glory to you for ever.**

**For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead
and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!
Amen.**

THE EASTER GREETING

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

*All the lights in church are turned on. The bells are rung and a merry noise is made,
using drums, pipes and bells placed ready for use.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

As we sing the Gloria we move to our seats in the Chancel and blow out our candles.

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise,
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone O Christ you only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

THE COLLECT

We remain standing and pray together.

Let us pray.

**Grant, Lord,
that we who are baptized into the death
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
may continually put to death our evil desires
and be buried with him;
and that through the grave and gate of death
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;
through his merits,
who died and was buried and rose again for us,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:
'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

Jeremiah 31.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

² **Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:**

¹⁶ 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10.34–43

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, 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, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Matthew 28.1–10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

We sit.

HYMN

As we sing this hymn we process together to the font.

**1. Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.**

**3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

Saving God,
give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

Saving God,
give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God,
give us life.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God,
give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Trinity?

I believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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 Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

As we sing, we return to the chancel.

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3. But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him all the heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we sing:

**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.**

We kneel. The priest recalls the last supper. Bells are rung when the bread and wine are lifted up. At the end we say or sing:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues, and may conclude in either of these forms:

... 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

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 OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

**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 to the Altar rail to receive communion. After communion any newly consecrated bread left over is put in the pyx and laid on the Altar.

COMMUNION HYMN

As we receive and reflect we sing this Taizé chant, repeating as needed.

Sing Alleluia to the Lord (x4)
Jesus is risen from the dead (x4)
Jesus is living in his Church (x4)
Jesus is coming for his own (x4)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

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.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

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

Amen

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

Amen

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think, or speak, or do.**

**3. Preserve me from my calling's snare,
And hide my simple heart above,
Above the thorns of choking care,
The gilded baits of worldly love.**

**5. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;**

**2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will,**

**4. Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.**

**6. For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.**

During the hymn the pyx is placed in the Aumbry.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We share breakfast at the start of this happiest of days.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

This is a single service with two long breaks, between the end of Maundy Thursday and the start of Good Friday, and between the end of Good Friday and dawn on Easter day.

The most terrible, wonderful and world-changing events in history happened two thousand years ago.

O that we were there, as we sing in the carol. But we were not.

We can, however, enter into those great days, as the church has always done, by keeping the three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday as a single observance. We remember and celebrate the events at the time and on the day when they happened.

Thus we use this order of service both in and out of church, for sixty hours from 7.30pm on Thursday to 7.30am on Sunday. We use it as an aid for reflection. We hold the tension between Thursday evening and Friday, and between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning. We let ourselves be in it.

On Maundy Thursday we start at page 2, and at the end of page 13 we go our separate ways but still together in spirit.

On Good Friday we return to the building after the Walk of Witness and pick up again at page 14, pausing again at the end of page 21.

On Easter morn we gather again to continue the service from page 22 to the end.

