**A Service for Use at Home in the Easter Season**

**Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Penitence**

Christ our passover lamb

has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice

by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins

with a sincere and true heart.

*Keep a moment of silence for reflection…*

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
I come to you in sorrow for my sins,
and confess to you my weakness and unbelief.

I have lived by my own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive me.

I have lived by the light of my own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive me.

I have lived for this world alone,
and doubted my home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive me.

*Silence…*

May the God of love and power
forgive me and free me from my sins,
heal and strengthen me by his Spirit,
and raise me to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Acclamation**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!
He has defeated the powers of death. Alleluia!
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. Alleluia!
He has the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day and the Bible Reading

*(Please see separate sheet)*

*After the reading…*

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**The Easter Anthems**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

 *1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

 *Romans 6.9-11*

Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

 *1 Corinthians 15.20-22*

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

Intercessions

I pray to Jesus who is present with his people to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations …
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear my prayer.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry …
and nourish all your people with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear my prayer.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with me and with all who follow you in the way …
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear my prayer.

Jesus, Good Shepherd

who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear my prayer.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
I give you thanks

for all who have lived and believed in you …
Raise us all to eternal life with you.
Jesus, Lord of life,
accept these prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Acclamation

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.
God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.

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

Closing Prayers for God’s Blessing

May God the Father,
by whose love

Christ was raised from the dead,
open to all who believe

the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

May God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave

has won a glorious victory,
give us joy

as we share the Easter faith.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples

with the life of the risen Lord,
empower us and fill us with Christ’s peace.
Amen.