

Easter Season



Order of Service

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

All **Amen.**

THE GREETING

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

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

All **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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

From Easter day to Ascension day this sentence is used.

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.

From Ascension to Pentecost this sentence is used.

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

All **God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water
of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

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 COLLECT

The president prays the collect which is the special prayer of the day.

At the end all respond

All **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING(S)

At the end of each reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

This responsory may be used

Alleluia! Christ is risen:

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

he has given us new life and hope!

All **He has raised Jesus from the dead!**

God has claimed us as his own:

he has brought us out of darkness!

All **He has made us light to the world!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen:

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

When the Gospel is announced all respond

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

And at the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

On Easter day we renew our baptismal vows these can be found on page 14. On other days the service continues with the Creed.

THE CREED

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son**

**is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism**

for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In joy and hope we pray.
We pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious
and life-giving resurrection ...
We pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may help us to provide for those who lack food,
work, or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit will fill the hearts and minds of all nations
to unite the world to work together in peace and love.
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon
his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That we may live each moment thankfully,
assured of God's company and mercy

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

All Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

From Easter day to Ascension day this sentence is used.

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!

From Ascension to Pentecost this sentence is used

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia!

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

A collection may be taken and presented.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

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

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you *or* The Lord is here.

All **and also with you. His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

This preface is used from Easter to Ascension

And now we give you thanks because Christ our paschal sacrifice has made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life. He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people. His death is our ransom from death: his resurrection is our rising to life. The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.

This preface is used from Ascension to Pentecost

And now we give you thanks because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. 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:

All **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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All Lord by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
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:

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

Amen.

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As we break this bread

All we are raised to new life.

we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

AGNUS DEI

**All 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

If you normally receive Communion in your own church of whatever Christian denomination you are welcome to receive in this Church. Or, if you prefer, please come to the altar rail at the same time as the communicants but carry a book to indicate to the priest that you desire a blessing.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.

The president and people receive communion. During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

AFTER COMMUNION

The post communion prayer is said by the president followed by

**All 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.

BLESSING

One of these blessings is used.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen
you to walk with him in his risen life.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

or

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

or (especially at Pentecost)

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

The ministers and people depart.