



# A Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Easter

## Welcome

*The President may say some words of introduction and welcome.*

*We may sing a hymn.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**All: He has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

**All: Lord, speak to us that we may hear your word.  
Move among us that we may behold your glory.  
Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust you.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

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

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All:* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*All:* **Glory to God in the Highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heav'nly 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**

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
Strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*All:* **Amen.**

## First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

*All:* **Alleluia.**

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

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

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and

crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

## **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 of 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

We use the following response:

Lord, in your mercy  
*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father,  
*All:* **Accept these prayers  
for the sake of 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.  
*All:* **And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Preparation of the Table**

*This is the moment in the service when we usually take a collection for our churches.  
The work we do is funded only by the money we raise ourselves. Please visit our  
website for more information on how to give to our parish:*

<https://www.cheamparish.org.uk/giving>

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to the world.  
*All:* **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
*All:* **and also with you.**

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, 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:

*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.**

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.

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

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 kingdom  
all who share in this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints, 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:

*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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The President breaks the bread, saying:

We break the bread of the world,  
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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The President receives communion.

### ***Spiritual Communion***

*It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:*

***Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, be with me at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
Amen.***

## **Prayers after Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of the bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
*All:* **Amen.**

*All:* **God of truth,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Notices and Announcements**

### **The Dismissal**

God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All:* **Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All:* **In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*We may sing a hymn.*