

The Eucharist

Easter



Gospel Reading

On Easter Day, the service begins with the lighting of the Easter Candle.

Welcome

There may be 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

The President introduces the confession, followed by:

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.**

The President says the Absolution, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

The Gloria

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

The President says the Collect, to which all respond:

All: **Amen.**

First Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 N.

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

At the end of the reading.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

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.

There may be a **HYMN**

Preparation of the Table

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.**

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.**

The President continues until...

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.

The President continues until...

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The President continues...and ends:

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

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 and people receive communion.

There may be a **HYMN** or an **ANTHEM**

Prayers after Communion

The President says the Post-Communion Prayer. All respond:

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

The President says the Blessing, to which all respond:

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.**

There may be a **HYMN**

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