

Eucharist for Easter Day

The Service of Light

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.



This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.
Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.
As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever.

A Candle is lit, the minister saying

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

The minister raises the Candle and says

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

People may light their candles.

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

A joyful fanfare/noise is made

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (see separate sheet)

Prayers of Penitence

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Liturgy of the Word.

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

New Testament Reading Acts 10.34-43

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt, ♦
 the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
- 2 Judah became his sanctuary, ♦
 Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled; ♦
 Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, ♦
 the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? ♦
 O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams, ♦
 you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, ♦
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water, ♦
 the flint-stone into a springing well.

Gospel Reading

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.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20.1-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Liturgy of Initiation

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

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.**

Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

Commission

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

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 president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**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 recalls the Last Supper,

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer for Receiving Spiritual Communion -see separate sheet.

Prayer after Communion

The Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessing & Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hymn: Thine be the Glory (see separate sheet)