

# EASTER DAY



**HE IS NOT HERE, HE IS  
RISEN!**

## *¶ The Gathering*

### **Welcoming the Easter Candle**

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.**

### *A minister lights the Easter Candle and proclaims*

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

The light of Christ, thanks be to God.x3

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## The Gloria

**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 sins of the world:  
have mercy upon 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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*Invitation to Confession.*

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.

*We keep silence*  
Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## The Absolution

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

## The Collect for Easter Day

Let us pray that we may walk in the risen life of Christ:

*We keep silence.*

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Readings.

The New Testament Reading is taken from Acts 10.34-43  
and will be read by Jonathan Philpott.

*Gospel*

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

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## The Sermon.

## The Creed.

I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All 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?

**All 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Our prayers of intercession are written and led by Amanda Wells.*

As we celebrate the risen Christ, let us pray to the God of life, in whom we live and serve.

Lord God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we pray that your Church may be bursting with new life,  
filled with the love that takes even death in its stride;  
that new and mature Christians together,  
all in their various ministries,  
may work through the power of your Holy Spirit  
in strength for the coming kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God,  
we ask that the inhabitants of our planet,  
may recognise your glory all around,  
co-operate in the sharing of your gifts,  
and cultivate the habit of caring love.

Lord God  
please bless our homes and families,  
our places of work and leisure,  
with new life and the hope of new possibilities,  
touching the ordinary with beauty and joy.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God,  
we ask that all those  
who are sick in mind, body or spirit  
and those who feel trapped or imprisoned,  
particularly during the Covid 19 pandemic,  
may feel the stones rolled away  
and new light pouring into their lives.

Lord God  
we ask that all those  
who work to nurse, feed, care, protect and sustain us  
would feel your comfort in their sadness,  
your strength in their tiredness,  
your courage in their fear.  
We praise and thank you  
for their selfless devotion to their duties.

Lord God,  
we ask you to give wisdom  
to all those in authority,  
guide the decisions that they make,  
and give them rest and comfort  
when they feel overwhelmed  
by the responsibilities that they hold.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God  
help us to live each moment thankfully,  
assured of your company and mercy.

Lord God,  
we ask that all those  
who are making that last journey of death,  
may be surrounded with your peace  
and rest in your love forever.

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God,  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and help us to remember;

We are not people of fear;  
We are a people of courage.  
We are not people who protect our own safety;  
We are a people who protect our neighbours safety.  
We are not people of greed;  
We are your people God,  
giving and loving,  
wherever we are,  
whatever it costs,  
for as long as it takes,  
wherever you call us.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ¶ *Liturgy of the Sacrament.*

### **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, Alleluia.  
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
*All and also with you. Alleluia.*

## The Preparation of the Table.

Lord of life, with unbounded joy  
we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord is here.

**All 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**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.]**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary, Andrew and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

## **Communion.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Prayer after Communion.**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

## ¶ *The Blessing and Dismissal*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting 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.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Live in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

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



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