



*He is risen*

**Parish Holy Communion  
in the season of Easter**

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand if you are able as the ministers enter.*

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

**The Greeting**

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.**

God has claimed us as his own;

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

**Opening Prayer**

**All Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
Amen.**

*We sit or kneel.*

## **Invitation to confession**

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

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

Christ have mercy

**All Christ have mercy**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.

Lord have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

## **Absolution**

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**

*Please stand if you are able to sing the Gloria in response to God's forgiveness.*

**All** *Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.*

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.

*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.*

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.

*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.*

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.

*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.*

## **The Collect**

*We sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand if we are able.*

### Hymn

*We remain standing.*

### Gospel Reading

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 the Reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

### Sermon

## Statement of Faith

*Please stand if you are able.*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the son of God.

**All** Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
He was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself,  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore, God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus,  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen.

## Intercessions

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

To the bidding: Jesus, Lord of life,  
**We respond:** in your mercy, hear us.

Finally: Jesus, the resurrection, and the life,  
we give you, thanks for all who lived and believed in you.  
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers, and be with us always.  
Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*Please stand if you are able.*

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.

### Hymn

#### Preparation of the table

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

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 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.

And now we give you thanks  
because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,  
the long reign of sin is ended,  
a broken world is being renewed  
and humanity is once again made whole.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**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**

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

**All** 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 forever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

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

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**

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and  
drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your  
hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please wait to be invited to come forward for communion.*

*During Communion the choir may sing an anthem and then we sing a hymn.*

*We remain seated.*

**Hymn**

**Prayer after Communion**

*The President may say a prayer.*

**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 risen Lord.  
Amen.

**Notices**

*We stand as we are able.*

**Hymn**

**Blessing**

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

**All** Amen

## **The Dismissal**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead  
at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

***Please stay for refreshments after the Service***

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