



Easter Day

Please stand if you are able.

Entrance Hymn

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Please sit.

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the service

The Paschal Candle is then marked with a cross (the sign of Christ), an Alpha (the beginning) and an Omega (the end) and the current year (reminding us that Christ is alive before all things, at the end of all things and here and now). The Priest then places 5 incense studs around the cross (to remind us of the 5 wounds of Christ)

<i>Vertical Arm</i>	Christ yesterday and today
<i>Horizontal Arm</i>	the beginning and the end
<i>Alpha</i>	Alpha
<i>Omega</i>	and Omega
<i>First numeral</i>	all time belongs to him
<i>Second numeral</i>	and all ages
<i>Third numeral</i>	to him be glory and power
<i>Fourth Numeral</i>	through every age and for ever. Amen.

1.	By his holy
2.	and glorious wounds
3.	may Christ our Lord
4.	guard us
5.	and keep us. Amen

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

The Easter Candle is lit and the following is said:

Christ our light.

All Thanks be to God.

All the candles in the Church are lit and the Easter Garden is blessed.

Please stand if you are able.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Gloria

**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.***

Please sit.

The Collect

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

All Amen

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn

Remain standing.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

All Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Short Talk

Please stand if you are able, and turn to face the font.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Brothers and sisters, let us affirm,
with all who are baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*We are sprinkled with water from the font to remind us of our baptism
and of the new life freely given to us in Christ.*

Please sit.

Prayers of intercession

Please stand if you are able.

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. Alleluia!

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Remain standing.

Hymn

Remain standing if you are able.

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 Lord.

All 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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
With saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**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.**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 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.

Please sit.

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 for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

We sing

**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!

We keep an open table. All are invited and welcome to receive the bread that has been taken, blessed and broken. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, then please bring this service sheet with you to indicate this.

A welcomer will show you where to go.

Please ask if you need communion brought to you or if you need to receive gluten-free bread.

Remain seated for
Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Notices

Please stand if you are able.

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.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.
All **God has claimed us as his own.**

He has brought us out of darkness.
All **He has made us light to the world.**

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

Hymn

Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new 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.

Dismissal

A deacon says:

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!