



Common Worship
Holy Communion
Easter Day



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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.
The president leads the Post Communion Prayer

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.

Hymn

¶ The Dismissal

The president prays this

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The ministers and people depart.

¶ The Gathering

Welcoming the Easter Candle

The ministers gather at the back of the church. The president says

Christ yesterday and today,

All the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;

All to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

The deacon brings in the lit Easter Candle and proclaims

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

As the ministers walk forward the deacon repeats the acclamation, getting louder each time.

The president says

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The deacon holding the Candle says or sings

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God

Easter Hymn of Praise

The Easter Candle leads a procession to the Easter Garden. At the Easter Garden, the minister holding the Candle says

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God

The president says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

A reader says

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

Matthew 28.5,6

The president says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says

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

The president and people receive communion.

Please come forward, as invited, to receive communion. If you are a visitor, and have been baptised, you are very welcome to take communion with us here. If you do not receive communion then we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

Silence is kept

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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

By your blessing,
may we who have prepared this garden
in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites the people to confess

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.

Silence is kept.

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.

The president says

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

As the ministers return

Gloria in Excelsis

All 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.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with James and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.

The 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.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us Jesus,

who won the great battle against sin and death.

Today when we celebrate Jesus' rising a new way of living begins for us.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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 thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray

Silence is kept

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.

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the deacon says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn

The Creed

The deacon says

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.

Amen of I Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president says

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 deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.