

# Easter Day

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## PREPARATION

Introit

*Hymn played on the organ*

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God first loved us.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

Collect of the Day

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

*(At the end the reader may say)*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

*When it is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

*At the end:*

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon

Music for reflection—played on the organ

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one substance with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## Intercessions

*Prayer is offered  
for the world and its people,  
for those who suffer and those in need,  
for the Church and its members.*

## Peace

*We meet in Christ's name.  
Let us share his peace.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### *The Taking of the Bread and the Wine*

Offering

*Silence*

Eucharistic Prayer IV

New Life, The Lord, The Spirit (Suitable from Easter day to Pentecost)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work,  
from chaos bringing order  
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,  
proclaims the dawn of hope.  
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,  
your breath is power  
to purge our sin  
and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,  
freed by him who burst from the tomb  
and opened the gate of life,  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,  
for by the Cross eternal life is ours  
and death is swallowed up in victory.  
In the first light of Easter

**OPENING PRAYER:**

*celebrating the work of God,  
Father, Son and Spirit, in  
creating, restoring and  
bringing to completion, all  
that is His.*

**SANCTUS:**

*an anthem to God's glory*

**BENEDICTUS:**

*The greeting to him who came  
in the flesh, comes in the  
sacrament and is still to come.*

**CHRISTOLOGICAL PRAYER:**

*Thanksgiving to God for all  
that was accomplished in the  
life, death and resurrection of  
Jesus.*

glory broke from the tomb  
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.  
From the Garden the mystery dawned  
that he whom they had loved and lost  
is with us now  
in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,  
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,  
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, renewed the promise of his presence  
and of new birth in the Spirit  
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which slaves walked free,  
at supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."  
After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves  
a single, holy living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,  
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,**

**NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION:**  
*An account of the Last Supper.*

**ANAMNESIS AND OBLATION:**  
*The work of Christ is recalled and linked with our offering.*

**EPICLESIS:**  
*We ask for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the divine response to our obedience.*

**PRAYER OF PETITION:**  
*As members of the Church we pray for her whole life and mission.*

**we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY:**  
*A concluding act of praise.*

### ***The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine***

Breaking of the Bread

*The living bread is broken for the life of the world.*  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has  
commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to say:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Communion Song

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

### Sentence

*An additional seasonal sentence may be used here.*

We give thanks to you Lord, for you are gracious.  
**And your mercy endures for ever.**

### Prayers

**Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### Blessing

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work;  
working in you that which is pleasing and good;

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen.**