

AN ORDER FOR  
**PARISH COMMUNION**  
**EASTER**  
COMMON WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING

### Hymn

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

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

### (Prayer at the Easter Garden

Risen Lord Jesus,  
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden  
on the morning of your resurrection,  
so may we meet you today and every day:  
speak to us as you spoke to her;  
reveal yourself as the living Lord;  
renew our hope and kindle our joy;  
and send us to share the good news with others.  
*All* **Amen.)**

### Prayers of Penitence

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.  
*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you / and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed, / through negligence, through  
weakness, / through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry / and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, / who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past /and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life / to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

## **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.**

## **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer before saying the Collect.*

*At the end*  
*All*     **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Readings**

*At the end of each reading the reader says*

          This is the word of the Lord.  
*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

          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**

## The Creed

*All*    **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 Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.****

## Prayers of Intercession

*These responses may be used*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*The Peace is introduced with this or another suitable sentence*

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.

*All*    The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Hymn

### Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*All* **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

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

*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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

*All*    **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

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 for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
*All*    **Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb.  
*All*    **Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **Agnus Dei**

*All*    **Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

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

## **Prayers after Communion**

*The Post-Communion Prayer is said*

*All*    **Amen.**

*All*    **Faithful God,  
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,  
made us members of the body of Christ  
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:  
we thank you that in this Eucharist  
you renew your promises within us,  
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Notices**

### **Hymn**

### **Blessing**

*The president offers these or other suitable words of blessing*

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 from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*All* **Amen.**

God, the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
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.**

or

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

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