

# The Gathering of the People of God during the season of Easter

## The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

## Welcome

*Please SIT as the Celebrant introduces the service, gives out any notices and reads the banns of marriage.*

## Hymn

*Please stand for the hymn.*

## Prayer of Preparation

**All 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**

## Prayer of Confession

*Please SIT or KNEEL*

Christ has overcome sin and death.  
Have we let him drive out from us the evil of sin?  
Have we let him renew us?

*Silence*

Lord Jesus, Lamb that was slain  
You are risen, the firstborn of the dead: Glory to you!

Lord, have mercy. *Kyrie, Eleison*

**All Lord, have mercy** ***Kyrie, Eleison***

Jesus Christ, light of the world,  
our resurrection and life: Glory to you!

Christ, have mercy. *Christe Eleison*

**All Christ, have mercy.** ***Christe Eleison***

Lord Jesus, hope of all nations,  
our joy and our bread of life: Glory to you!

Lord, have mercy. *Kyrie Eleison*

**All Lord, have mercy.** ***Kyrie Eleison***

## Forgiveness of Sins

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**

# **Glory to God**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

**All** Glory to God in the highest,  
*sing* 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 Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer, followed by the Church's prayer for the week which can be found on your pew sheet.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Bible Reading

*Please SIT. At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Please STAND for the hymn.*

## Gospel Reading

*Please remain STANDING and turn to face the book of Gospels. When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Alleluia, alleluia,

**All Alleluia, alleluia,**

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.**

**All Alleluia ...**

## Sermon

*Please SIT for the sermon or other form of teaching.*

## The Creed

*Please STAND as we declare the faith we share.*

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

*Please SIT or KNEEL as we pray for the church, the world, our community, all in need and those who have died. The response to each prayer is:*

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

*Please STAND. The Celebrant proclaims Christ's peace among us, and then says*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said "Peace be with you." And they were 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.

*We exchange an appropriate of sign of peace.*

## Hymn

*Please remain STANDING for the hymn, during which the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

## Preparation of the Table

*Please remain STANDING as we thank God for his gifts to us.*

### 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo  
the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,**  
*sing* **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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.  
On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me”.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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”.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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



Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us  
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us  
the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour**  
*sing* **and glory and power**  
**be yours for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Please SIT or KNEEL.*

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

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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Agnus Dei**  
*Lamb of God*

**All Lamb of God,  
*sing* 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.**

## Sharing Communion

*The Celebrant and people receive communion: all are welcome. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet to the altar. During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the post communion prayer to which we respond with:*

**All Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Please STAND for the Hymn.*

# The Blessing

*Please remain STANDING as the Celebrant asks God's blessing on us*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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 to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us and remain with us always.

**All Amen**

*sing*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*If you can, please join with us in the Church Centre to share refreshments.*