

# EASTERTIDE COMMUNION



We meet on this Sunday of Easter  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

## THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The priest declares God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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  
with the words "Let us pray"*

*The Collect is said concluding with:*  
**Amen**

## FIRST READING

*After the reading*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die,  
will live, and everyone who believes in me will  
never die.'  
**Alleluia**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *N*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### THE 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 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

*Let us pray*

*These responses may be used:*

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

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers  
For the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**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 all the image of your glory.  
He has placed us once more in paradise  
and opened to us the gate of eternal life.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all  
creation say for ever the hymn of your 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.**

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.

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

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 St. Mary and 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.  
**Amen**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

**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 bread.*

We break this bread  
To share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

**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

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were  
unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from  
under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and  
share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body  
and blood of your Son, that he may live in us  
and we in him; and that we, with the whole  
company of Christ, may sit and eat in your  
kingdom. Amen**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that, though separated  
by distance, we may still, through faith, be partakers in  
the benefits of Christ's offering of his body and his  
blood. This we ask, through the same Jesus Christ our  
Saviour. Amen.

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

**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**

## **THE BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the +Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

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