

Mass for Easter Day



ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:
Alleluia.

The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
Alleluia.

While he, the King, the mighty King,
despoiling death of all its sting,
and trampling down the powers of night,
brings forth his ransomed saints to light:

The pains of hell are loosed at last,
the days of mourning now are past;
an angel robed in light hath said,
'The Lord is risen from the dead:'

O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed for ever shield:

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:
Alleluia.

✠ Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it.

All say together,

**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.**

All join in singing,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

To prepare ourselves to receive Christ, our Passover Lamb, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All join in singing 'Gloria in Excelsis'

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.

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, **alleluia.**
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE SERMON

THE LITANY OF BAPTISM

God the Father
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy, Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send us into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant that we may find our inheritance
with the Blessed Virgin Mary,

with patriarchs, prophets,
apostles and martyrs, and all the saints;
and we pray that, encouraged by their examples,
aided by their prayers,
and strengthened by their fellowship,
we also may be partakers
of the eternal life of the saints in light;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Celebrant says,

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made in our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed humankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all those who have been baptized in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant sprinkles the people with Holy Water while
the "Vidi Aquam" is sung.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple,
alleluia.

It brought forth God's life and salvation,
and the people sang in joyful praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you!"

Then they were glad because they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

*The peace is then exchanged
using the words **Christ is risen/he is risen indeed!***

The following hymn is then sung.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fulness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Great High Priest of our profession
through the veil thou enteredst in;
by thy mighty intercession
grace and mercy thou canst win:
alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia.
risen, ascended, glorified.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, with Easter joy
we offer you the sacrifice
by which your Church is reborn and nourished.
Strengthen us as we share our Easter faith with others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise
for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the Cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks

that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,

a broken world is restored,
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God,

we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat. This is my Body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink from this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us, with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**✠ Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to say:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you said to your apostles,
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

All join in singing,

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Bread of life, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace.**

The Celebrant says,

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*While the Celebrant receives holy Communion
the following is sung by the Cantor.*

'Love is Come Again'

*Text by J M C Crumm,
written to be used with the French Carol 'Noël Nouvelet'*

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

THE POST COMMUNION

Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Celebrant then says,

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in the faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say together,

Most loving God,
**you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

THE POST COMMUNION HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Almighty God, who
redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism,
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,
give you joy and peace in faith
and bring you to your eternal inheritance;
and the X blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the , and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE CELTIC SENDING FORTH

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Now in the power of your Word,
Send us to be your disciples;
To bring all the world to the joy of your kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.