

An Easter Celebration of Holy Communion



Based on the Book of Common Prayer

At Easter, we celebrate new life - the Light of Christ reborn in the world.

The Paschal (Easter) Candle, sign of the Light and Life of Christ, has already been prepared: it has been marked with the Cross, with Alpha and Omega, and the year: Christ, who was crucified and rose again, is the Beginning and the End, Lord today, this year and to the end of time.

Five grains of incense have been inserted into the cross, to signify the wounds of Christ.

Today, as our service starts, the Paschal Candle is brought into the church, just as the Light of the risen Christ fills the world.

So we proclaim with joy

Alleluia! - Praise God! - Christ is risen!

Welcoming the Paschal Candle

All stand and face the ministers by the door.

The president says

Christ, yesterday and today

the beginning and the end

Alpha and Omega,

all time belongs to him and all ages;

to him be glory and power

through every age and for ever. Amen.

A minister brings in the lit Easter candle and proclaims

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The president says

This is the day when the Lord Jesus Christ

was raised gloriously from the dead,

crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world

Christians celebrate the mighty power of

God as Christ calls us out of darkness to

share in his marvellous light. May we, and all

Christ's people, shine as lights in the world,

to the glory of God the Father.

The minister holding the candle says

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The candle is brought to the chancel step and placed in its stand

Hymn

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met thee in the garden
on the morning of thy resurrection,
so may we meet thee today and every day:
speak to us as thou didst speak to her;
reveal thyself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news
with others.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast;

**Not with the old leaven, nor with
the leaven of malice and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth. 1 Cor 5:7**

Christ being raised from the dead
death no more:
death hath no more dominion over him.

**For in that he died,
he died unto sin once:
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves
to be dead indeed unto sin:
but alive unto God
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom 6:9*

**Christ is risen from the dead:
and become the first-fruits
of them that slept.**

For since by man came death:
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ
shall all be made alive. 1 Cor 15:20**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Sovereign

Please sit or kneel

Almighty and everlasting God,
we are taught by thy Holy Word,
that the hearts of Kings
are in thy rule and governance,
and that thou dost dispose and turn them
as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom:
We humbly beseech thee so to dispose
and govern the heart of Elizabeth
thy Servant, our Queen and Governor,
that, in all her thoughts, words, and works,
she may ever seek thy honour and glory,
and study to preserve thy people
committed to her charge,
in wealth, peace, and godliness:
Grant this, O merciful Father,
for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all life and power, who through
the mighty resurrection of thy Son
hast overcome the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to thee in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen

The Old or New Testament Reading

Please sit

After the reading, the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The Gospel

Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel...

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Creed

**I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate
by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of the Father.**

**And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth
from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father
and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.**

**And I believe one catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins.**

And I look for the resurrection

**of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Sermon

Banns *may be published and notices given out.*
A sermon may be preached.
Please sit

The Offertory

A sentence of scripture is said

Hymn

the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The president goes to the altar, receives the offertory, and places the bread and wine upon the table.

The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole state
of Christ's Church.

Almighty and ever-living God,
who by thy holy apostle hast taught us
to make prayers and supplications,
and to give thanks, for all people:
we humbly beseech thee
most mercifully to accept
our alms and oblations,
and to receive these our prayers,
which we offer unto thy divine majesty;
beseeching thee to inspire continually
the universal Church
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:
and grant,
that all they that do confess thy holy name
may agree in the truth of thy holy word,
and live in unity and godly love.
We beseech thee also to save and defend
all Christian kings, princes and governors;
and specially thy servant
Elizabeth our Queen, that under her
we may be godly and quietly governed:
and grant unto her whole Council,
and to all that are put in authority under her,
that they may truly and indifferently
[=*impartially*] minister justice,
to the punishment of wickedness and vice,
and to the maintenance

of thy true religion and virtue.
Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops
and curates [=priests and deacons],
that they may both by their life and doctrine
set forth thy true and lively [=living] word,
and rightly and duly administer
thy holy sacraments:
And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace;
and specially to this congregation
here present;
that, with meek heart and due reverence,
they may hear and receive thy holy word;
truly serving thee in holiness and
righteousness all the days of their life.
And we most humbly beseech thee
of thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succour all them,
who in this transitory life
are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
or any other adversity
And we also bless thy holy name
for all thy servants departed this life
in thy faith and fear ...;
beseeching thee to give us grace
so to follow their good examples,
that with them we may be partakers
of thy heavenly kingdom.
Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.

The Invitation to Confession

Ye that do truly and earnestly
repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity
with your neighbours,
and intend to lead a new life,
following the commandments of God,
and walking from henceforth
in his holy ways:
draw near with faith,
and take this holy sacrament
to your comfort;
and make your humble confession
to almighty God,
meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The Confession

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time,
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed,
against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly
thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry
for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them
is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father;
for thy Son
our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy
hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance
and true faith turn unto him:
have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words
our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him:
Come unto me,
all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you.
So God loved the world,
that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him

should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying,
and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin,
we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee
for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son
Jesus Christ our Lord:
for he is the very Paschal Lamb,
which was offered for us,
and hath taken away the sin of the world;
who by his death hath destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come
to this thy table, O merciful Lord,**

trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as
to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son
Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of thy tender mercy didst give
thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer
death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there
(by his one oblation of himself once offered)
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice,
oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy gospel
command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,
until his coming again:
Hear us, O merciful Father,
we most humbly beseech thee;
and grant that we receiving
these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers
of his most blessed body and blood:
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread;

Here the priest takes the paten.

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

The priest breaks the bread.

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

The priest lays a hand on all the bread.

this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.
Likewise after supper he took the cup;

The priest takes the cup.

and, when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink ye all of this;

The priest lays a hand on every vessel of wine.

for this is my blood of the new testament,
which is shed for you and for many
for the remission of sins:
do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which was given for you,
and his blood which was shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance
that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
with thanksgiving.

Sharing Communion

*We warmly invite you to come to the altar to share the
bread and wine, if you would do so in any Christian church.*

*Alternatively, you are most welcome to come to the
altar to receive a blessing.*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

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

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done in earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them
that 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.**

The Prayer after Communion

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee,
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us,
who have duly received these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby
of thy favour and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
which is the blessed company
of all faithful people;
and are also heirs through hope
of thy everlasting kingdom,
by the merits of the most precious death
and passion of thy dear Son.
And we most humbly beseech thee,
O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.**

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away
the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away
the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory
Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him
in his risen life;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

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

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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