

The Holy Eucharist



Eastertide 2021

Easter

The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning on Easter Day and concluding on the Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday). It offers a sustained period of reflection on the meaning of Christ's eternal victory over evil, sin and death. A sense of joy, encapsulated in the great cry 'Alleluia', characterises this season, and the liturgical colour is white or gold, for celebration.

According to St Luke's chronology, Christ ascended on the fortieth day after his Resurrection (Acts 1: 3), and so this day is observed as Ascension Day. The ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (including the Seventh Sunday of Easter) are days of prayer for renewal by the Holy Spirit.

The Day of Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and brings the Easter season to its glorious conclusion. The liturgical colour of Pentecost is red to represent the coming of the Spirit in tongues as of fire (Acts 2: 3).

From the Monday after the Day of Pentecost the Church returns to 'Ordinary Time', save for the Sunday after Pentecost when we celebrate the great festival of the Godhead, Trinity Sunday.

The Gathering

The ministers enter whilst music is played.

In the name of the Father +,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

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.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president pronounces Absolution.

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.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We say Gloria

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 Collect is prayed and all respond, boldly **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading from the Acts

At the end, the reader says

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

Please stand

Gospel Reading

The deacon says the Gospel Acclamation

**I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
Alleluia.**

**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

Please sit

After the sermon silence is kept, for reflection. Then, please stand

The Creed

The president introduces the Creed saying following words

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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^(bow) 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.

Please sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end

**Merciful Father
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president says

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.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Coronavirus Information: following advice issued by the Church of England, in order to minimise the spread of infection we do not shake hands during the Peace.

Offertory Music

The altar is prepared by the president and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

You are encouraged to continue to give for your church even when if you are unable to come to church services.

Offertory Prayer

The president leads the people

**Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives, to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

The president taking bread and wine, says

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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:

**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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

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,
with songs of everlasting praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The President introduces the Lord's Prayer with these words

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

The President receives communion and then says:

The body of Christ
Amen.

The blood of Christ
Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Holy Communion

I believe that you, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament.
I love you and desire you. Come into my heart.
I embrace you. Never leave me.
May the burning and most sweet power of your love,
O Lord Jesus Christ I beseech you,
absorb my mind that I may die through love of your love,
who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love.

Prayer of St Francis

During the administration of communion, music is played.

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said, then all say

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices and Banns of Marriage

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The president says

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 today and always.

Amen.

The deacon says

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Music

Music is played during which the ministers and people departs.

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