

EASTER DAY

EARLY MORNING IN THE GARDEN

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Everyone is invited to come outside to the west doors for the lighting of the fire.

The Service of Light

Hymn

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

President Why are you looking among the dead for
one who is alive? He is not here he is risen.

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

By his holy and glorious wounds may
Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

The President lights the Easter candle saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all
darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The candle is carried into the Church and candles are lit from the
Easter candle - darkness is gradually overwhelmed by the new
light. Three times the procession stops and the deacon sings:*

All The light of Christ
Thanks be to God

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

When the candle is in its place the Gloria is sung.

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
All **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

Cantor To God be glory for ever.
All **to God be glory for ever.**

Cantor Alleluia, Amen.
All **Alleluia, Amen.
Alleluia, Amen.
Alleluia, Amen.**

2 Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
etc...

3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
etc...

All who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

All 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

All With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please come and join us for Breakfast

grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and is risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

God has proclaimed the just reward:
'Life for us all, alleluia!'

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

The Dismissal

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

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
All **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
All **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit,

The Blessing

Candles are extinguished.

The President says the Collect:

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We sit for the Epistle - Romans 6.3-11.

We stand for the Easter Gospel John 20. 1 - 18

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

At the end the reader says

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

The Liturgy of Initiation

We move to the Font and the candles are lit again.

Minister 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.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous
light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new
life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?
All **I turn to Christ.**

All Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

All Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

Prayer over the Water

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the deep waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

The Communion

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever:

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All

Prayer After Communion

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

All This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

All This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share in this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.
All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The waters of baptism are sprinkled to remind us of our baptism. Candles are extinguished.

Minister Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised 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.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through the faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

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.

Alleluia.
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange the peace using these words.

Christ is risen.

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from Him,
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The bread and the wine are brought to the altar during the singing of this hymn.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest:
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
To celebrate the freedom of your people.