

THE ORDER OF THE EUCHARIST

¶ THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The president and altar party gather in silence at the font carrying the unlit Paschal Candle.

President: Dear friends in Christ, this is the most holy day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with all the Church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and word, through water, bread and wine we celebrate the new life that Christ shares with us.

The president traces a cross in the Paschal Candle and the Greek letters Alpha above and Omega below it.

President: 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.

All: Amen.

Five nail studs are inserted into the Candle, reminding us of the five wounds of Christ upon the Cross. As each is inserted the president says:

President: **1** By his holy **2** and glorious wounds **3** may Christ our Lord **4** guard us **5** and keep us.

The Paschal Candle is lit, while the following is said:

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

Those gathered begin to light their candles from the Paschal Candle. The president, carrying the Paschal Candle, raises it and sings:

President: The light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The procession moves further into the building and then stops with the versicle and response repeated twice more. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand in the sanctuary. The president then says:

President: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The bells are rung joyfully and the following hymn is sung.

Opening Hymn

JESUS Christ is risen today, 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 pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

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The Greeting

President: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

President: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

President: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

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 - *Remain standing*

President: Let us pray.
A brief moment of stillness is kept.

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

All: Amen.

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 10:34-43 - Sit

Reader: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Stand

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel - John 20: 1-18

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

A time of silent reflection follows.

¶ THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The president then addresses the congregation:

President: 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 at our baptism.

President: Therefore I ask:

President: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All: I reject them.

President: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All: I renounce them.

President: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All: I repent of them.

President: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All: I turn to Christ.

President: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All: I submit to Christ.

President: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All: I come to Christ.

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

President: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

President: Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

President: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The president sprinkles the people with the blessed water from the font, a reminder of the baptism we share.

President: 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.

All: Amen.

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace - *Stand*

President: 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!

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

President: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn

TO God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus his Son;
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Fanny Crosby CH 745

Preparation of the Table - *Remain standing*

President: Let us pray
Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life with us.
All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer - *Remain standing*

President: The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

President: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond.

**All: 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.**

The president recalls the Last Supper and calls upon the Holy Spirit.

President: Great is the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The president concludes the prayer.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**All: 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

President: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Holy Communion is distributed from the chancel step. All who are baptised and ordinarily receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to receive here. Alternatively, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Hymns during Communion

THERE is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Refrain

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face.
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that Holy Place.

Refrain

Melody Green - The Bridge 351

NOW the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years 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 we 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.

J.M.Crum NEH 115 (old French melody)

Prayer after Communion - Stand

President: 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:
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.

Notices - Sit

¶ THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing - Stand

President: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Amen.

President: 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.

President: God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All: Amen.

President: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

President: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed, alleluia!

President: With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional 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 vict'ry 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:

Refrain

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 death-less love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Refrain

Richard Hoyle NEH 120

The Easter flowers in St Andrew's Church have been provided in loving memory of:

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Allan Craven

Iain Gordon

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Henry Ike

Austin Alison

'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'. (John 11:25)



Resurrection, Andrea Mantegna