



The Sunday Eucharist in Eastertide

Welcome to St Andrew's, the Parish Church of Alexandra Park.

The Eucharist is central to our worship together throughout the year. Below is an outline of the service which includes the congregation's responses in **bold**. Please participate in as much or as little as you wish. The clergy are always available afterwards to chat or pray with you.

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created on Easter Sunday is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing. The Paschal Candle, symbolising the light of Christ, stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The 'Alleluia' appears frequently in liturgical speech and song and the white or gold vestments and decorations emphasise the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has, from the late fourth century, been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work and promises the gift of the Holy Spirit. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter festival.

Processional Hymn (We stand as the bell is rung. The hymn numbers can be found on the sheet in addition to the readings and prayers for the Sunday)

The Greeting (The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Eucharist)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you:
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayers of Penitence *(Our act of confession)*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Kyrie Eleison (sung)

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung) *(Our hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God during which the bells are rung)*

**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 (sung) *(The prayer of the Church for the day is sung)*

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word *(We sit for readings from the scriptures)*

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

The Gospel Reading *(We stand as the gospel acclamation is sung)*

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Here the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Sermon *(Sit)*

The Creed *(We stand to proclaim the faith of the Church)*

**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 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.**

Prayers of Intercession *(We sit, stand or kneel to pray for the needs of the world,
for all in authority, for this community, for the Church and for ourselves)*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

OR

Lord hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end of the prayers:

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

The Peace *(We stand to exchange a sign of peace with one another)*

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

Offertory Hymn

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (sung)

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.**

The prayer continues '...for ever praising you and singing':

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 prayer continues '...Great is the mystery of faith':

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

At the end of the prayer all respond: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

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

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

The Agnus Dei (sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. x2
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him 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.

(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).

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion *(The celebrant prays the set prayer for the day)*

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices *(We sit for the notices some of which are also printed on the sheet)*

The Blessing and Dismissal *(Stand)*

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

...and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always: **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn

Refreshments are always served after our worship.

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