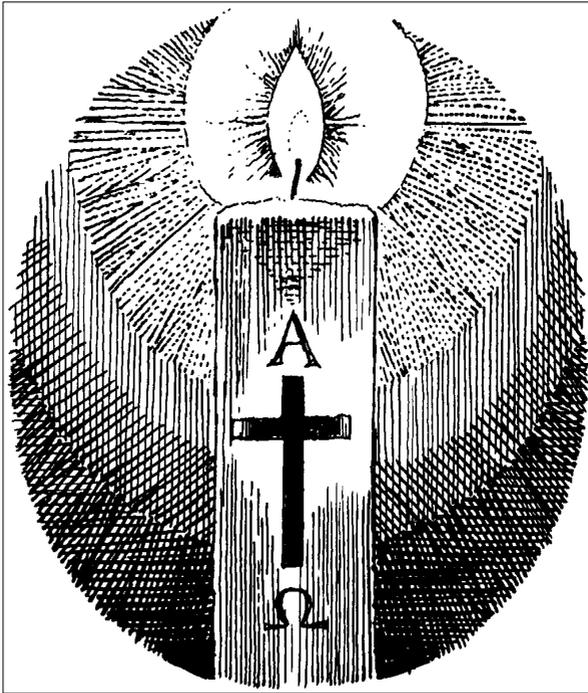


# The Easter Liturgy



**St. James, Hampton Hill**

# **Service of Light**

*All gather around the fire as the candle is prepared*

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father,

we share in the light of your glory

through your Son, the light of the world.

Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope.

Purify our minds by this Easter celebration

and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The priest prepares the Candle, tracing the sign of the cross, the year and the Alpha and Omega, and placing the nails into the Candle*

*The priest lights the Easter candle with the taper, saying*

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

*The procession moves into the building led by the Easter Candle*

*The procession stops three times and each time is sung*

The light of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

# The Easter Proclamation

**Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Salute your King in glorious symphony!**

**Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past. the day of life is here!**

**Sing, Church of God! Exult your joy outpoured!  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!  
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!  
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!**

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death,  
paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.  
For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.  
This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery

and leading her safely through the sea.  
This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.  
This is the night when all who believe in him are  
freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.  
This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.  
Most blessed of all nights.  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.  
Night truly blessed when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.  
Therefore, heavenly Father,  
in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise,  
your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.  
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead  
and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

**All Amen.**

# Vigil of Readings

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

## First Reading      *Genesis 1.1-2.2*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky.

And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the

day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.'

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 104.1-7*

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

**All** **Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

You are clothed with majesty and honour,  
wrapped in light as in a garment.

**All** **Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.**

You spread out the heavens like a curtain  
and lay the beams of your dwelling place  
in the waters above.

You make the clouds your chariot  
and ride on the wings of the wind.

**All** **Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.**

You make the winds your messengers  
and flames of fire your servants.

You laid the foundations of the earth,  
that it never should move at any time.

You covered it with the deep like a garment;  
the waters stood high above the hills.

**All** **Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.**

## Prayer

**All** Christ is the image of the unseen God  
**through him all things were made**

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## Second Reading

*Exodus 14.15-15.1*

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

**Canticle**      *Exodus 15.1-6, 17-18*

This is my God and I will praise him.

**All This is my God and I will praise him.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

**All This is my God and I will praise him.**

Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;  
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

**All This is my God and I will praise him.**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

You brought your people in and planted them on the  
mountain of your own possession, the place, O LORD, that you made  
your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hands have established.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

**All This is my God and I will praise him.**

## Prayer

**All** The Lord is my strength and my might.  
**He has become my salvation.**

Lord God our redeemer,  
who heard the cry of your people  
and sent your servant Moses  
to lead them out of slavery:  
free us from the tyranny of sin and death  
and, by the leading of your Spirit,  
bring us to our promised land;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## Third Reading

*Ezekiel 36.24-28*

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 42.1-7*

Response:

My soul longs for you, O God

**All** **My soul longs for you, O God.**

As the deer yearns for the water brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God;  
when shall I come before the presence of God?

**All My soul longs for you, O God.**

My tears have been my bread day and night,  
while all day long they say to me, 'Where is your God?'

**All My soul longs for you, O God.**

Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the multitude  
and led the procession to the house of God.  
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who kept holy day.

**All My soul longs for you, O God.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

O put your trust in God,  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**All My soul longs for you, O God.**

## **Prayer**

Christ gives the living water.

**All Christ is the fountain of eternal life.**

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to your faithful people new life  
in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,  
that we who are born again may serve you  
in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son  
Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## **Stand**

## **The Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## The Gloria

**Glory to God!  
Our hearts to you we raise!  
Joy and peace on earth,  
in highest heaven praise!  
Songs of adoration, Lord, to you we bring,  
praising your great goodness,  
Father, heav'nly King.  
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!  
Joy and peace on earth,  
in highest heaven praise!**

**Son of the Father,  
bearing this world's sin,  
Lamb of God, have mercy,  
grant us peace within.  
You, O Christ, are holy,  
you alone are Lord,  
with the Holy Spirit evermore adored.  
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!  
Joy and peace on earth,  
in highest heaven praise!**

## The Collect

Let us pray.

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 of life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## Epistle

*Romans 6.3-11*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### Gospel Acclamation

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.**

## **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 28.1-10*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Address**

# ***The Liturgy of Initiation***

## **Thanksgiving for the Resurrection**

*As we move to the font led by the Easter Candle we say*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,

**All and his mercy endures for ever.**

He has loved us from all eternity,

**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

And remembered us when we were in trouble,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

By his cross and passion he has redeemed the world,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

And has washed us from our sins in his own blood,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

On the third day he rose again,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

And has given us the victory,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

He ascended into heaven,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

And ever lives to make intercession for us,  
**All for his mercy endures for ever.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing of 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.  
Saving God,  
*All* **give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.  
Saving God,  
*All* **give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters  
of death you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.  
Saving God,  
*All* **give us life.**

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.  
Saving God,  
*All* **give us life.**

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.

*All* Saving God,  
**give us life.**

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

My brothers and sisters,  
through the paschal mystery  
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,  
so that we may rise with him to a new life.  
Now that we have completed our  
observance of Lent,  
let us renew the promises we made in baptism,  
affirming once more our allegiance to Christ  
and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask  
Do you turn to Christ?

*All* **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

*All* **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

*All* **I renounce evil.**

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

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.**

**All** Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**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.**

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship  
in the household of faith with all  
who have been baptized into 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.**

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

**All** **Amen.**

# ***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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Hymn**

### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Lord of life,  
with unbounded joy we offer you  
our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **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:

*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.**  
We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper  
with his friends and, taking bread,  
he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you,  
gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all  
upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and  
cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.  
Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All**

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen  
in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with James and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All**

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All**            **Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
**Alleluia.**

*Please come up for communion or a blessing*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence will be kept*

Let us pray.

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.**

## Hymn

# The Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All**                    **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**All**                    **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won  
a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All**                    **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord  
breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All**                    **Amen.**

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

**All**                    **Amen.**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead  
at work within us,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All**                    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**