

Order of Service for Easter 4. Sunday 3rd May 2020

Gathering

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in
truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Collect

**Risen Christ,
Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
Teach us to hear your voice
And to follow your command,
That all your people may be gathered into one flock
To the glory of God the Father.**

Confession

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

Blessed is the Lord
For he has heard the voice of our prayer;
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
And in our song we will praise our God.

Readings

Psalms 23

John 10:1-10

Reflection

Affirmation of faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
We 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?
We 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?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions

We pray for God's grace. Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for your church, for Bishops, Archdeacons, Vicars,
Ministers and Leaders. In this time of closure of buildings, may they
have discernment in leadership and strength in encouraging those
they serve. Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray for the world in which we live, which you have created for
us. We think of those who look for ways to combat the Covid-19
virus. We pray for our leaders that they may have wisdom to know
the right way to guide us through this crisis. We remember those
who continue to work to keep us healthy, educated and fed.

Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We pray especially at this time for all in our community who care
for the sick and elderly in their homes, in hospital, hospice or in
care and residential homes. Be close to those who are ill, afraid, or
in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation.

Lord, receive our praise
and hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for those who inspire us with good works,
uplift us with their care and concern, and ask that in these days of
quiet isolation, you will draw close.

Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Merciful Father,

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

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

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.

Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord:

thanks be to God.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

May the blessing of God almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.