



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

Eastertide

HOLY COMMUNION

The congregation's responses are in bold

Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Almighty God, Your son opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

The first commandment is this, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

**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.**

Collect

The Collect for today can be found on the front of the news sheet.

New Testament Reading

After the reading:

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

The Epistle

After the reading:

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

Hymn

The Gospel is announced

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel

At the end of the Gospel reading:

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

Sermon

The Creed

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

At the end of each prayer;

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers;

Merciful father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you.

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

During the hymn you may like to make an electronic donation to the work of the Parish: St Peter & St Paul Ewhurst Acc: 16342606 sort code: 09-01-55

Preparation of the Table

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day.

Having received so much, we offer what we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

And now we give you thanks
Because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned. The long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being restored and humanity is once again made whole.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you and saying,

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 the cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.
Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

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 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, loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

You too can take this, yet in faith.

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Giving of Communion

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

Notices

Hymn

Dismissal

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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 peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.