

# Holy Communion with Baptism For Easter Sunday



**Christ  
is  
Risen**



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*Please join in with the words in bold type*

### The Gathering for the Lighting of the Easter Candle

#### The Greeting

*Please stand and turn to face the door*

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. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*The president lights the Easter Candle, saying*

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

*The minister bearing the Candle raises it and says*

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The procession of the Easter Candle moves further into the building and then stops. The candles of those around are lit from the Easter Candle and the light spreads throughout the building.*

*The procession continues to the Sanctuary and the Easter Candle is placed on a stand.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

*A hymn may be sung*

## Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name:  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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

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 to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## Readings

*At the end of each the reader may say*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*A hymn may be sung*

## Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

The Creed

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

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**

Liturgy of Baptism

Do you wish to be baptized?

Baptism candidate(s) **I do**

Is this your faith?

Baptism candidate(s) **This is my faith**

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number  
those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates  
and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. With the candidate(s) for Baptism we all renew our Baptism vows

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

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

**I come to Christ.**

### **Signing with the cross**

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ**

**against sin, the world and the devil,**

**and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

### **Prayer over the water**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your Spirit and know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Baptism**

N, I baptize you

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

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

## Commission

N, today God has touched you with his love  
and given you a place among his people.

God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,  
to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus  
and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people and in serving  
others.

With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God.

**Amen**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*All may be sprinkled with the water of Baptism*

## Prayers of Intercession

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*and at the end*

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 were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**and also with you. Alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Preparation of the Table

*A hymn may be sung and the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

## 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

in the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.



when they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with St Andrew and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour

for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

*Please sit down*

## **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**

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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

*We welcome all baptized Christians to receive Communion. If you would  
rather receive a blessing, please bring this service booklet with you to the  
rail.*

*On receiving Communion or a blessing, please respond **Amen***

## 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 his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## Notices and Banns

### The Commission and Dismissal

*A hymn may be sung.*

*The Commission may be said*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. As we have renewed our Baptism vows today, so now we commit to living Christ's resurrection life

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,  
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*A candle is given to the Baptism candidate(s)*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a  
place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in  
this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president uses a seasonal blessing*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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