



St. Luke's Church
Maidenhead

Holy Communion on Easter Sunday



¶ *The Gathering*

Welcoming the Easter Candle

We stand and turn towards the back of the church.

The president says

Christ yesterday and today,
All **the beginning and the end,**
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
All **to him be glory and power,**
through every age and for ever. Amen.

A minister brings in the lit Easter Candle and proclaims

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The president says

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The minister holding the Candle sings,

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

Hymn

The procession moves to the Easter Garden

Prayers at the Easter Garden

The minister holding the Candle sings,

The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The president says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

A reader says

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. *Matthew 28. 5,6*

The president says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The president says this prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others.

All **Amen.**

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

The Lighting of Candles

The minister holding the Candle sings

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

Anthem

The choir sings an anthem as the candles of the congregation are lit from the Easter Candle. The congregation's candles remain lit until after the Gospel reading.

Acclamation

Once the congregation's candles have been lit a minister leads the following Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ:
All **he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own:
All **he has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Easter Candle leads the procession of ministers and is placed in a prominent position as the Gloria in Excelsis is sung, all other candles in the building are lit and the church's lights are illuminated.

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

The president says:

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ

A period of silent prayer is kept.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

We sit for the readings

Reading

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

We remain standing and turn towards the reading of the Gospel.

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All **Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

All **Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All **Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

We extinguish our candles

Sermon

¶ *The Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

We stand and turn towards the back of the church as the ministers go to the font

The president stands before the water of baptism, which has been blessed earlier in the day.

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

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

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

All **I 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?

All **I 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?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Hymn

*Baptismal water is sprinkled on the people as the ministers return
from the font and a hymn is sung*

The president says

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.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

The Peace

We stand

The president, standing at the altar, says

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.

John 20. 19-20

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with:

Christ is risen.

**Preparation of the Altar
Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Hymn

*All sing the hymn, during which the gifts of the people are gathered
and presented, and the altar is prepared and bread and wine are
placed upon it.*

The president says

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

We remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ
your Son our Lord.

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

We sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

All **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Alleluia.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The president and people receive communion.

You will be invited up to the altar rails and are welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you do not wish to receive communion you are very welcome to come to altar rail for a blessing. Please keep your hands down and we will know.

These words of distribution may be used

The body of Christ, broken for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and the communicant replies

Amen.

During the distribution the choir may sing the Agnus Dei, and we may all sing a hymn

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed in the chapel at the end of the distribution.

Prayer after Communion

We sit or kneel and keep silence

The Post Communion prayer is said:

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.**

Notices are given, we sit for this.

¶ *The Dismissal*

We stand as the president gives the blessing.

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 gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

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

All **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.

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.**

Hymn

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Please be seated.

The choir may sing an anthem from the back of church

*A very happy Easter
to everyone*



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