

Easter Season Service of Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One

The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation

We remain standing

All 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.

We kneel or sit.

Silence

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

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

The Collect is said, and all respond:

All Amen.

The Epistle

The reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**All 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 now follow

At the end of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

All 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. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The offertory is presented

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; in your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Blessed be God for ever

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All **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
.... 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **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 N 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.

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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one
bread.**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world; grant us peace.**

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.

Distribution of Communion during which anthems and hymns are sung.

The disciples were filled with joy when they knew the Lord; and he said to them again: Peace be with you! Alleluia!

**All God of our salvation, you have restored us to life, you have brought us
back again into your love, by the triumphant death and resurrection of
Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for
each other; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this Eastertide and for evermore. Amen

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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