

# Easter Day Liturgy



**“ Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.”**

1) Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victor cry;  
Alleluia, alleluia  
the glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
and groaning hell makes wild reply.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

2) While he, the King, the mighty King,  
despoiling death of all its sting,  
Alleluia, alleluia  
and, trampling down the powers of night,  
brings forth his ransomed saints to light.  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

3) His tomb of late the threefold guard  
of watch and stone and seal had barred;  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
but now, in pomp and triumph high,  
he comes from death to victory.  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

4) The pains of hell are loosed at last;  
the days of mourning now are past;  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
an angel robed in light hath said,  
"The Lord is risen from the dead."  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

5) O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide;  
Alleluia, alleluia  
from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed forever shield.  
*Alleluia, alleluia...*

6) All praise be thine, O risen Lord,  
From death to endless life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia  
All praise to God the Father be  
And Holy Ghost eternally  
*Alleluia, alleluia....*

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

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Hymn (The Exultet)

1) Sing Choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult and sing  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave  
Salute your King in glorious sympathy

2) Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has  
come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered  
death. The night is past; the day of life is here

3) Sing Church of God! Exult  
with joy outpoured!  
The gospel trumpets tell of vic-  
tory won.  
Your Saviour lives: he's with you  
evermore  
Let all God's people shout the  
long Amen

Alleluia Christ is Risen

**He is risen indeed Alleluia, Alleluia**

## ***Gloria in excelsis Deo***

**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.**

Let us pray

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. **Amen.**



**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.**

## **Liturgy of the word**

*At the end of the readings the reader will say:*

this is the word of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia **Thanks be to God Alleluia , Alleluia**

**1) Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia**

**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.**

**Who didst once, upon the cross, Alleluia.**

**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.**

**2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia**

**Unto Christ our heavenly king, Alleluia**

**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia**

**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia**

**3) But the pains that he endured, Alleluia**

**Our salvation have procured; Alleluia**

**Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia**

**Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you O Lord. Alleluia, alleluia**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Sermon*

### ***Renewal of Baptismal promises***

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

**With the help of God I will**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow. Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him**



Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ  
who redeemed mankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**I 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.**

*The people are then sprinkled with the blessed water:*

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:**

***Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green***

**In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; *Chorus***

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: *Chorus***

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: *Chorus***

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in 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.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you Alleluia, Alleluia  
**and also with you. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

**1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.**

**2 Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain**



**3 Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end..**

*preparation of the gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

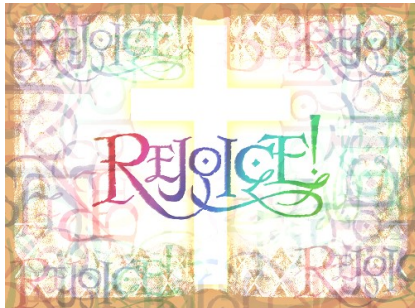
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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

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.**



It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us eternal life.  
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel*

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.  
Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**Be yours for ever and ever. Amen**





## *Communion Rite*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Communion

*Visitors: If you normally receive communion in your own church then you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing. Please keep your hands below the altar rail. Please note—all are welcome to come forward.*

*Concluding prayer*

**Heavenly Father,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness,  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,  
so his continual presence in us  
may raise us to eternal joy. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## Final Hymn

1. From the very depths of darkness springs a bright and living light,  
out of falsehood and deceit a greater truth is brought to sight,  
in the halls of death, defiant, life is dancing in with delight!  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed!*
2. In the light of resurrection, Jesus calls us all by name, ‘  
Do not cling to what is past, for things can never be the same;  
to the trembling and the fearful, we’ve a gospel to proclaim:  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah!...*
3. So proclaim it in the high rise, in the hostel let it ring, make it known in  
Cardboard City. Let the homeless rise and sing: ‘He is Lord of life abundant,  
and he changes everything, the Lord is risen indeed!’ Christ is risen!  
Hallelujah!...
4. In the heartlands of oppression, sound the cry of liberty,  
where the poor are crucified, behold the Lord of Calvary!  
From the fear of death and dying, Christ has set his people free!  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah!..*
5. Tell the despots and dictators of a love that can’t be known  
in a guarded palace-tomb, condemned to live and die alone:  
‘Take the risk of love and freedom; Christ has rolled away the stone!  
The Lord is risen indeed!’  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah!..*
6. When our spirits are entombed in mortal prejudice and pride,  
when the gates of hell itself are firmly bolted from inside,  
at the bidding of his Spirit, we may fling them open wide!  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! The Lord is risen indeed!*

*To each and to all;  
A very happy Easter  
And may the love and joy of the Risen Christ be in  
your hearts and your homes this day  
and ever more.*

