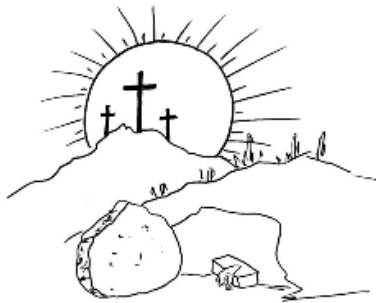




Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

# Easter Vigil

with renewal of baptismal vows  
and the first Eucharist of Easter



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Toys and activities are available in our Tots' Corner are near the main door, and children are welcome to make use of these either in this area or in their pew. This area is not supervised; children must be always supervised by a responsible adult.

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## **Other services today**

10.00am

Sung Eucharist for Easter Day

6.00pm

Festal Evensong for Easter Day

## **Children's Activities**

**Today**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

2.30pm-3.30pm

Free Easter Egg hunt with prizes for all!  
In church

**12 April**

**Messy Easter**

4.00pm

Snacks, songs, stories and crafts  
In the Community Centre

# The Service of Light

*The ministers and people gather in the Vicarage drive, where a new fire has been kindled. The president carries the unlit Easter Candle.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
on this most holy day,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,  
the Church invites her children throughout the world  
to come together in vigil and prayer.  
This is the Passover of the Lord.  
We remember his death and resurrection  
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,  
confident that we shall share his victory over death  
and live with him for ever in God.

## Before the fire

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is marked.*

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.**

*Nails or incense studs may be inserted into the Easter Candle as these words are said.*

By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

**Amen.**

*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 processes from the Vicarage to the Church, followed by the other ministers and the people.*

*When the procession enters the Church it pauses a number of times when the minister bearing the Candle raises it and sings:*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Inside the Church the candles of all present are lit from the Easter Candle which is then placed on a stand in the midst of the building and the Exsultet is said or sung. Please remain standing for the Exsultet if you are able.*

## **The Exsultet**

*(The Easter Song of Praise)*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
O Universe, dance around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!  
Rejoice, O earth, in glory,  
revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!  
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!  
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!  
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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 right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death,  
paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.

For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the day when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.

This is the day that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Crowning glory of all feasts!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Feast truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.  
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead  
and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! Amen.

## **The Vigil**

As we celebrate the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

*Please sit.*

## **The Creation**

A reading from the book of Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called

the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and

years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God

said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed

it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Genesis 1.1-2.4*

*Silence is kept.*

Christ is the image of the unseen God;  
**through him all things were made.**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The command to sacrifice Isaac**

A reading from the book of Genesis:

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning,

saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only

son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

*Genesis 22.1-18*

*Silence is kept.*

God so loved the world  
**that he gave his only Son.**

Almighty God,  
whose chosen servant Abraham  
faithfully obeyed your call  
and rejoiced in your promise  
that, in him, all the families of the earth should be blessed:  
give us a faith like his,  
that, in us, your promises may be fulfilled;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Crossing the Red Sea**

A reading from the book of Exodus:

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked

down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and

all the women went out after her with tambourines  
and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

*Exodus 14.10-end, 15.20-21*

*Silence is kept.*

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Lord God our redeemer,  
who heard the cry of your people  
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:  
free us from the tyranny of sin and death  
and, by the leading of your Spirit,  
bring us to our promised land;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Sprinkled with the water of life**

A reading from the prophecy of Ezekiel:

I will take you from the nations, and gather you  
from all the countries, and bring you into your own  
land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you  
shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from  
all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will

give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 36,24-38*

*Silence is kept.*

Christ gives the living water.

**Christ is the fountain of eternal life.**

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.  
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit  
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,  
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## A song of joy

A reading from the prophecy of Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter  
Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements  
against you, he has turned away your enemies. The  
king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall  
fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to  
Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your  
hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your  
midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice  
over you with gladness, he will renew you in his  
love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a  
day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so  
that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with  
all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the  
lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their  
shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At  
that time I will bring you home, at the time when I  
gather you; for I will make you renowned and  
praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I  
restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the  
Lord.

*Zephaniah 3.14-end*

Where, O death, is your victory?

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Easter Acclamation**

*Please stand.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Bells are rung and during the Gloria in Excelsis the lights of the building are turned on and candles extinguished.*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace he brings to all on earth.  
Worship now, the King almighty,  
bless his name and praise his worth.  
Sing to God a song of glory.  
Glory be to God on high.  
Glory, glory, sing his glory.  
Glory to our God on high.**

**Glory be to Christ our Saviour,  
Lamb of God and Lord of all,  
bearer of the sins of mortals,  
ever list'ning when we call.  
Sing to Christ a song of glory.  
Glory to the Holy One.  
Glory, glory, sing his glory.  
Glory to the Father's Son.**

**Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
one with Father and with Son.  
Glory in the highest heaven,  
one in three and three in one.  
Sing to God a song of glory.  
Join the angels' song above.  
Glory, glory, sing God's glory,  
Trinity of light and love.**

*Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL*

## The Collect

*The president introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.'*

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.**

*Please sit.*

## New Testament Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We

know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Romans 6.3-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. During the hymn a procession will make its way to the centre of the nave from where the Gospel for the day is read. To symbolise our desire to turn to Christ in our daily lives, at the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.*

**Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,  
foll'wing our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
praise to thee by both be giv'n;  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection thou!**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: John Wesley's 'Foundery Collection' (1742)*

*Hymn Tune: SAVANNAH*

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But 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. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*Matthew 28.1-10*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Reflection**

### **Places of the Passion: The Empty Tomb**

*Please sit.*

## **The Liturgy of Initiation**

*The congregation gathers at the baptismal font.*

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.

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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.

Therefore I ask:

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.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

## **Prayer over the Water**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

Saving God.

**Give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God.

**Give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God.

**Give us life.**

Bless this water,  
that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ  
in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God.

**Give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and all those to be baptised this Eastertide,  
and raise us with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Profession of Faith**

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 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.**

*Those present are invited to renew their commitment to Christ by going to the water and making the sign of the cross with it on their forehead.*

*The president says:*

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

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.**

## **Commission**

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.

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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **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!

*cf John 20.19*

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.

*We greet one another with these words:*

**Christ is risen.**

## **Preparation of the Table**

*Those present move from the font to gather around the holy table, which is prepared and bread and wine placed upon it during which we sing a hymn.*

## **Hymn**

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!**

**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!**

*Words & Music: from 'Lyra Davidica' (1708)  
Hymn Tune: EASTER HYMN*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Lord of life,  
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (B)**

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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this day of our redemption  
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 holy,  
God of pow'r and God of might,  
heav'n and earth proclaim your glory,  
sing hosannas in the height!  
Blessèd is the one who comes,  
in the holy name of the Lord!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Let him ever be adored!**

*Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mary Magdalene and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.** *(Sung)*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

## **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.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you  
give us this bread always.**

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.*

**Lamb of God, you bear our failings,  
look on us with mercy now.**

**Lamb of God, you bear our failings,  
look on us with mercy now.**

**Lamb of God you take upon you  
all our sins and faults and shame.**

**Grant us peace! Grant us peace!**

**Let us ever bless your name.**

*Hymn Tune: HYFRYDOL*

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

*The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting').*

*To the words "The Body/Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life" the communicant replies "**Amen**". After receiving communion those present return to their seats.*

*For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.*

*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.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
has 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.**

**Faithful God,**  
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,  
made us members of the body of Christ  
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:  
we thank you that in this Eucharist  
you renew your promises within us,  
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Hymn**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,**  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,*  
*endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;**  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,*  
*endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

*Words: Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)  
translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)  
Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)  
Hymn Tune: MACCABAEUS*

## **The Dismissal**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*A minister says*

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

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

*The ministers and people depart.*

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Sung Eucharist:	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Said Eucharist:	Every Wednesday at 10.00 am
Choral Evensong:	First Sunday of the month at 6.00 pm
Compline:	First Wednesday of the month at 8.30 pm
Sanctuary:	Second Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm
Sacred Space:	Last Thursday of the month at 6.00 pm
Daily Prayers:	Tuesday to Saturday at 8.30am and 5.30pm

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