

Welcome

Easter Greeting

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Worship in Song

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in His Name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and ascended for us: we have not loved you as our Redeemer, nor obeyed you as our Lord; we have not brought our prayers to you, nor heeded your tears shed over the world. Forgive us, we pray; breathe into us a new spirit of service, and make us joyfully obedient to your will: for your glory's sake. Amen

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our sins against us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible Reading

Acts 3:12-19 (*Church Bible page 911*)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Worship in Song

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of
our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the
scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on
the third day in accordance with the scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to
all the apostles: this we have received, and this
we believe. Amen.

Prayers

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Prayer

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.
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 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.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord
Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

We receive communion

Worship in Song - during communion

Sister let me wipe your tears
Brother let me bear your fears
Come on every daughter every son
Let us walk in love for we are one

Though we walk a long and broken road
We are here to bear each other's load
And forgive as you've forgiven us
Let us walk in love for we are one

We are one in the Father's love
We of every tribe and every tongue
We are found in the risen Son
We are bound together by his blood
Let us walk in love for we are one

There's a love that conquers all divides
There's a love that paid the greatest price
For the battle over death is won
Now alive in Christ we live as one

On the day you come to call us home
With the multitude before the throne
Now with all the saints who've overcome
For eternity we'll sing as one

Worship in Song - during communion

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with his light
And wrote his law of righteousness
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow him.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, you appeared to your disciples in their hour of fear, and offered them your peace to still their hearts. May we open our arms to be living hope in the world today, bringing peace to those in living in fear. Give us courage to be bold in what we believe; may we hold firm to your promise of life and hope, and strive for a new world, free from poverty, injustice and conflict. Amen.

Worship in Song

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon he has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

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Yes he rose that we would be free indeed
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that cross

Ending

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross

Blessing

We have eaten together with the risen Christ.
Go out then, as witnesses of these things.
Attend to your heart, worship with integrity,
trust in the Lord. Proclaim forgiveness and
healing in his name to all.

And may God raise you from death to life; may
Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt; and
may the Holy Spirit give your heart joy, even as
the bread and wine give your body life. Amen.

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