

Before the Service

Come and hear the wondrous love

Welcome and Easter Greeting

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts
this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase
our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them
for strong witness to the power of your mercy
and love. Give us courage and challenge us to
walk the path of discipleship, knowing that
Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our
steps. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Worship in Song

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word
Take your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on your promises
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us
Speak O Lord till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory

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

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the
world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and
peace, now and for ever. Amen.

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son
to die for our sins and to rise again for our
justification: grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness that we may always
serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (*Church Bible p961*)
Luke 24.13-47 (*Church Bible p885*)

Sermon

Worship in Song

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded, the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen.
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again.

The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us
Will sound till he appears,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority.
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

Nicene Creed

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

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.

Worship in Song

Great is he like none before
Son of God the living word
Oh praise oh sing praise
He walked the waves of Galilee
Raised the dead and calmed the sea
Give thanks to his name

Praise the King of Majesty
Praise the Lamb who died for me
Praise the Christ our victory
We'll sing forever great is he
Jesus our Saviour great is he

Then he died on Calvary
The bravest one there'll ever be
His love made a way
No heart could carry what he held
Our sin upon his shoulders fell
Oh grace oh such grace

See he reigns in glory now
Every worldly kingdom bow
To him all to him
He rules above all time and space
Yet in his heart we have a place
Lift high heaven's King

Bridge

Hallelujah, there is no one greater than you
Jesus King Jesus

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant. Through your love, make us servants of one another. Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor. May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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.

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.

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

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 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. 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

Faithful One so unchanging
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you again and again
I call out to you again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor
My hope is in you alone

Worship in Song - during communion

From the chaos of darkness
Your word shaped the earth
In your image a people made
But we traded perfection the truth for a lie
And your glory was veiled in shame

But a promise made a blessing you gave
To a people of your name
For this broken world a Saviour foretold
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour descended his throne
All my sin on his shoulders laid
And to win our redemption he suffered and died
For the sake of my guilt and shame
Oh the price he paid in taking my place
So that death was overcome
When the King of love burst forth from the grave
Proclaiming the victory won

At the end of the ages the world passed away
I will gaze on my Saviour's face
When my heart is perfected and free from my sin
I will rest in your glorious grace
For the song we raise the works of our hands
Are in service of the King
When a thousand tongues cry glory to God
Forever his praise we'll sing

Worship in Song - during communion

Your love, shining like the sun,
Pouring like the rain, raging like the storm,
Refreshing me again - Oooh
I receive your love.

Pour over me, pour over me,
Let your rain flood this thirsty soul.
Pour over me your waves of love, pour over me

Your grace frees me from the past,
It purges every sin, it purifies my heart
And heals me from within - Oooh
I receive your grace.

I come and lay my burden down
Gladly at your feet, I'm opening my heart,
Come make this joy complete - Oooh
I receive your peace.

Prayer after Communion

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others and walk
the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the
praise of God the Father. Amen

Worship in Song

Come and hear the wondrous love
The mighty God who reigns above
Has entered in to dwell with us - hallelujah

On the earth our Saviour lived
The Son of Man the servant King
By his death he bore our sin - hallelujah

The fight is over the battle done
The victory of life is won
The song of triumph has begun - hallelujah

The powers of hell had seemed to win
But Christ has conquered death and sin
Let's raise our voices for our King - hallelujah

For very soon he will return
And place all things beneath his throne
And take us to our heavenly home - hallelujah

So now by faith we persevere
And in his strength we will not fear
For as we meet our God is here - hallelujah

Blessing

Go from here as witnesses of what you have
seen and heard. Share God's love with those
you meet. Bring hope to those who are in
despair. Live lives of gratitude and praise. And
may the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now
and always. Amen.

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