

Parish Mass for Easter Day



The Gathering

The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

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.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
and restore *you* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All

Gloria in Excelsis

All

**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.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory

silence

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.

All

Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10.34-43

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118.1-2,14-24

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

Colossians 3.1-4

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

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.

All

Alleluia.

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

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20.1-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The 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

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father. That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day ...

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our 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;
through Christ our Lord.

All **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

All

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

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.

All

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. 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.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**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.**

The president recalls the Last Supper, and one of these four acclamations may be used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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

[Christ is the bread of life:]
When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

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

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

Amen.

Prayer A and Prayer G end

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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

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.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Spiritual Communion – *may be said by those at home*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Your Church where Your death and Passion are pleaded before the Father, I give thanks and praise; I present to You my soul with the sincere wish that I may always be united to You. And since I cannot receive You Sacramentally today, I humbly beg You to come to me spiritually in my heart, that I may be sustained by You always. Amen

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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

All

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.

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The Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Dismissal Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'
John 11.25,26

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

And the blessing ...

The Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Regina Coeli (esp Eastertide)

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. **Alleluia!**
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. **Alleluia!**
As He promised hath arisen. **Alleluia!**
Pour for us to God thy prayer. **Alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, who through the resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world: grant, we beseech thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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