



Easter Communion Service

For use at home on Easter Sunday, 12 April 2020

Welcome and introduction

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive
us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect prayer

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 Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

First reading: [Acts 10:34-43](#)

Hymn

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. Refrain.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.**

**God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! Refrain.**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain.**

Address The Good News of Easter morning

We affirm our faith in God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
We 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.

Prayers

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.

Amen.

More prayers

At the end of the prayers we say:

**God our Father, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart, mind and action to
serve you with joy.
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. Alleluia!
The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

We offer one another a sign of God's peace

Offertory hymn, during which the bread and wine are prepared

**I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem
I had my birth.**

Refrain:

**I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John -
they came with me
and the dance went on.**

Refrain:

**I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame;
the holy people
said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there
on a Cross to die.**

Refrain:

**I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance,
and I still go on.**

Refrain:

**They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.**

Refrain:

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***Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord of all life,
you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.
You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.
You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them, saying:
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me'.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.
Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the bread of the earth.**

Eat your bread: food for the journey.

Drink your wine: to cleanse and refresh.

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Song My God is a great big God (*words on screen*).

Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and holy Spirit, be with you all, and those
whom you love, now and always,
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.