

The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung. Please stand.

For Easter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

For the Ascension

Seeing that we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us then come with confidence to the throne of grace, that we receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16

Alleluia. Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation:

**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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence:

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.

1 Corinthians 5:7,8

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Please sit or kneel

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

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 failed to trust you fully and have lived through fear, not love.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone and not set our hearts on you, our living Lord.

Lord, hear us and help us.

The God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**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 for the day is read

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A hymn may be sung

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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.

Revelations 1:17,18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand

**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,
He became 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

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of intercession. Different forms of prayer may be used

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.

John 20:19,20

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of reconciliation and fellowship, a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

A hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented and the table is prepared.

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 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 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.

And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave Christ has made us children of light, rising to new and everlasting life. He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people. A new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole. His death is our ransom from death, his resurrection is our rising to life. The joy of resurrection renews all creation, while the choirs of heaven sing forever to your glory.

**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.**

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Giving of Communion

The president and people receive communion using these or other words:

The body of Christ. **Amen**
The blood of Christ. **Amen**

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

The post Communion prayer is said and then this prayer is said together

**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.**

A hymn may be sung

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 the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

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

Go and live in the power of the risen Lord.

To God be glory, thanks and praise.

The ministers and people depart.