

THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INTRODUCTION

Entrance

Hymn 117 (*New English Hymnal*.)

The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plan
His own "all hail," and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

Greek, St John of Damascus c 750
Tr J M Neale 1816-66

Acclamation

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

The priest greets the people:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

The priest invites the people to confess their sins in these words

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Congregation sits or kneels and pauses for a moment of quiet reflection

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves; We repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says this or another absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ pardon you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

All stand to sing

Gloria in excelsis

**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.**

Collect

The collect of the day is said.

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Readings

The **First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles,**
the 10th Chapter, beginning to read from the 34th verse

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn to the Risen Christ

Sung by the cantor.

1. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast
2. Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
3. Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
4. In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.

5. See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
6. Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
7. For as by one man came death:
by another has come the resurrection of the dead.
8. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The **Second Reading** is taken from **St Paul's Epistle to the Colossians**, the 3rd Chapter, beginning to read at the 1st verse

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

After the reading:

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

The Holy Gospel

All stand to sing the sequence hymn

Hymn 112 (*New English Hymnal.*)

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appall us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O grave canst not enthrall us.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! our heart know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluya!

Christian Gellert 1715-69
Tr. Frances Cox 1812-97

Before the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia.
Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John,
the 20th Chapter, beginning to read at the 1st verse

The Deacon or Priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and, together with the people, on his forehead, lips, and breast. At the same time the people acclaim:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Priest, incenses the book, if incense is used, and proclaims the Gospel.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and

to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A sermon or homily is given.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

The people are sprinkled with Holy Water in remembrance of their baptism

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when

the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of your faithful people. Hear the prayers we humbly bring before your throne.

The people kneel

At the conclusion of each intercession the following is used

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Hear us Father through Jesus Christ our Lord
**Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

The Greeting of Peace

The priest introduces the greeting in these or other suitable words

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you! Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory: Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn 120 *(New English Hymnal)*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

French, Edmond Budry 1854-1932
Tr. Richard Hoyle 1875-1939

The gifts of the people are presented, and the bread and wine are placed on the Altar. These prayers may be said:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Priest prays the following prayer over the gifts:

Living God, accept our gifts and make them the bread of life and cup of salvation; that we who have confessed your name and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty, our joy and our salvation, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

Because you have raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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 People kneel

Holy and gracious God, all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord: through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise; and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit, sanctify this bread and wine, that we who share in this holy sacrament may be partakers of Christ's body and blood. Who, when his hour had come, on the night before he went up to the cross to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world, offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself, 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.

Memorial Acclamation.

After the words of institution, when the priest has replaced the chalice on the Altar and genuflected.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Therefore, in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death, his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone you have accepted us in Christ; and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight.

Through him, receive this our duty and service, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ, and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with blessed Mary, the Mother of the Lord, the apostles and martyrs, Saint John the Evangelist and all the company of the redeemed. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ, from whom all good things come.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing, and honour. and glory and power, are
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer is sung

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith we pray:

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The priest says;

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Agnus Dei is said or sung as the priest breaks the consecrated Host:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

The Priest invites the people to receive Holy Communion, he genuflects, takes the Host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice and says aloud:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and
I shall be healed.**

This prayer said here

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and
great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose
nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious
Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to
drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in
us. Amen.**

The priest invites the congregation forward with these words

Come, let us take this Holy Sacrament of the body and blood of
our Saviour Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith
with thanksgiving.

The priest and other communicants receive Holy Communion

The body of Christ. **Amen**

The blood of Christ. **Amen**

The Communion antiphon:

Jesus says, those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day, alleluia.

The Prayer after Communion:

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. **Amen.**

The people say:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, (working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight); and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen

Hymn 110 (*New English Hymnal*)

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

But the pains that he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!

Lyra Davidica 1708

