

## **THE ORDER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*The people assemble at a point away from the church*

*The priest may introduce the service with an acclamation or invocation*

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

*The priest introduces the vigil readings with these or similar words*

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the *fullness* of time *sent* his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

**A Reading from the Book of Genesis, Chapter 1,**  
beginning to read from the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.

*A Cantor sings the following from Psalm 104*

*Send forth thy Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

*1. Praise the Lord, O my soul:*

*O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious;  
thou art clothed with majesty and honour.*

*2. Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth:  
that it never should move at any time.*

*3. Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment:  
the waters stand in the hills.*

*4. Thou sendest the springs into the rivers:  
which ran among the hills.*

*5. Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitations:  
and sing among the branches.*

*6. Thou waterest the hills from above:  
the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.*

*7. Thou bringest forth grass for the cattle:  
and green herb for the service of man.*

*Send forth thy Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

*The priest says the following prayer*

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your image, and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ; grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the Book of Exodus, Chapter 14,**  
beginning to read from the 15<sup>th</sup> verse

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will

receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers."

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved

Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

*A Cantor sings the following from Exodus 15*

*I will sing to the Lord,  
for he has triumphed gloriously.*

- 1. I will sing unto the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously:  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*
- 2. The Lord is my strength and my song,  
he has become my salvation:  
this is my God and I will praise him;  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.*
- 3. The Lord is a man of war:  
the Lord is his name.*
- 4. Pharaoh's chariots and his host he has cast into the sea:  
and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea.*
- 5. The floods cover them:  
they went down into the depths like a stone.*
- 6. Thy right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:  
thy right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.*
- 7. Thou wilt bring in thy people,  
and plant them on thine own mountain:  
the place O Lord which thou hast made for thine abode,  
the sanctuary O Lord which thy hands have established.*
- 8. The Lord will reign:  
for ever and ever.*

*I will sing to the Lord,  
for he has triumphed gloriously.*

*The priest says the following prayer*

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery; free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah**, Chapter 55,  
beginning to read from the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my

mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

*A Cantor sings the following from Isaiah 12*

*With joy you will draw water,  
from the wells of salvation.*

- 1. Behold, God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid.*
- 2. For the Lord God is my strength and my song:  
and he has become my salvation.*
- 3. With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.*
- 4. And you will say in that day:  
Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his name.*
- 5. Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.*
- 6. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously:  
let this be known in all the earth.*
- 7. Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Sion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
With joy you will draw water,  
from the wells of salvation.*

*The priest says the following prayer*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the **Book of the Prophet Ezekiel**, Chapter 36  
beginning to read from the 16<sup>th</sup> verse.

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds. Therefore I poured out my fury upon them because of the blood that they poured out on the ground, and

because they defiled it with idols. I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations wherever they came, they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came. Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it.

Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*A Cantor sings the following from Psalms 42 and 43*

*My soul is a thirst for God,  
yea, even for the living God.*

- 1. Like as the hart desireth the water brooks:  
so longeth my soul after thee O God.*
- 2. My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God:  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*
- 3. Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself:  
for I went with the multitude,  
and brought them forth into the house of God.*

4. *In the voice of praise and thanksgiving:  
Among such as keep holy day.*
5. *O send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead me:  
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.*
6. *And that I may go unto the altar of God,  
even unto the God of my joy and gladness:  
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God my God.  
My soul is a thirst for God,  
yea, even for the living God.*

*The priest says the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*When the people approach the west door of the church they assemble around the new fire*

## **The New Fire**

*The priest may introduce the Vigil using these or other appropriate words*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

*The priest blesses the new fire*

Eternal God, we share in the light of your glory through your Son who is the light of the world: make this new fire ✠ holy, set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Easter Vigil, 6:00am 4 April 2021*

*The priest sprinkles the fire with holy water*

## **The Paschal Candle**

*The priest marks on the Candle with the Cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and the numbers of the current year saying*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

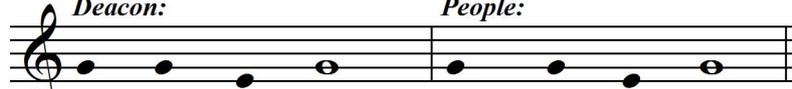
*The priest may insert the nails into the Candle in the form of a cross, saying*

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen.**

*The priest lights a taper from the fire and lights the candle, saying*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The deacon bearing the candle enters the building, followed by the other ministers, and they pause just inside the entrance. The deacon raises the candle and sings:*

<i>Deacon:</i>	<i>People:</i>
	
The Light of Christ.	Thanks be to God.

*The procession moves to the centre of the building and stops.*

The Light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The candles of those around are lit from the Easter candle. The procession continues to the chance/step and stops once more.*

The Light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The candles of those around are lit. The Easter candle is placed on a stand in a prominent place near the lectern or pulpit.*

## **The Easter Proclamation**

*The Exultet (the Easter Song of Praise) is sung by the cantor standing at a lectern or pulpit near the candle.*

Rejoice now, all you heavenly legions of Angels: all high things that pass understanding: for the King who comes with victory, let the trumpet proclaim salvation.

Sing with joy, O earth, illumined with this celestial radiancy: and enlightened by the eternal God, your glory, believe and know you have put away all the darkness of all humankind.

So likewise let our mother, his holy Church, welcome the bright beams of light shed upon her: and let his holy courts be filled with the praises of his people.

I pray and beseech you therefore, dearly beloved, that you who here are present, seeking this heavenly brightness, make your supplication with me to the Almighty, that he would make me worthy to praise this gift of fire with thankfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord our mediator and Redeemer: who lives and reigns with him and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

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 that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, the unseen God, the Father almighty, and your

only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has ransomed us by his death, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin.

For this is the Passover of that true Lamb of God by whose blood the homes of all the faithful are hallowed and protected.

This is the night when of old you saved our fathers, delivering the people of Israel from their slavery and leading them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin and restored to grace and holiness.

Most blessed of all nights, when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth and all creation reconciled to God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering; and grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light; for Christ the Morning Star has risen, never again to set, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

*The lights are turned on and the candles extinguished*

*Gloria in excelsis is sung*

**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 priest may say*

Christ is risen, alleluia  
**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*The priest says the collect*

**Let us pray**

Lord God, you have made this most holy night bright with the radiance of the risen Christ; quicken the spirit of sonship in your Church; renew us in mind and body to give ourselves wholeheartedly in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans,**  
Chapter 5, beginning to read at the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God.

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*The Gradual Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; sung by a cantor*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

*All stand to sing*

Sequence Hymn **102** (NUN LASST UNS GOTT, *New English Hymnal*)

**A brighter dawn is breaking,  
And earth with praise is waking;  
For thou, O King most highest,  
The power of death defiest;**

**And thou hast come victorious,  
With risen body glorious,  
Who now for ever livest,  
And life abundant givest.**

**O free the world from blindness,  
And fill the world with kindness,  
Give sinners resurrection,  
Bring striving to perfection.**

**In sickness give us healing,  
In doubt thy clear revealing,  
That praise to thee be given  
In earth as in thy heaven.**

Music: Later form of a melody in  
Selnecker's *Christliche Psalmen* Leipzig 1587  
Text: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

*Before the Gospel*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A Reading from the **Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,**  
Chapter 28, beginning to read from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 proclaims the Gospel*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”

Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

*After the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of Christ:  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit as 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, during which a cantor sings the Vidi Aquam.*

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**

With all our heart, and with all our mind, for the peace which is from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world; that, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, she may have peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all bishops, the clergy, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have lost their faith, and for those who stand on the threshold of faith; that they may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and brought into the full fellowship of the Body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring forth the fruit of good works and defend the poor; that they may persevere in your love and service, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our native land, for our city, state of New South Wales, and all your people of many nations who live here; that their needs may be supplied, and that they may desire above all your glory and the word and bread of life which are given in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen and for all who are called to government and authority in the affairs of the world; that they may serve the Lord as their master and director, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who administer our laws; that the Lord may always set before them the pattern of his love, mercy and justice, and that we may live in peace, honour and safety, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those whose lives are hard; that the Lord may always be with them to transfigure their hardships into the joyful sharing of his cross, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer in mind or body; that they may hold to the Lord through good and ill, and trust in his unfailing love, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For a holy and happy death, for rest in paradise, and for the perfect vision of the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who rest in Jesus; that they may know the many blessings of your love, and that the good work which has been begun in them may be perfected for the day of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves; that we may follow the blessed saints and martyrs in bearing our cross before the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For, you Lord, are the lover of souls, and to you you belong majesty and honour, power and glory, now and to the ages of ages.

**Amen.**

Hear us Father through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*The priest invites the people to confess their sins*

Rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, and of great kindness.

*Normally this confession*

**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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and serve 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.**

## **THE EUCHARIST**

### **The Greeting of Peace**

*The priest introduces the greeting in these or other suitable words, the people standing*

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**

### **The Offertory: Preparation of the Gifts**

Offertory Hymn 120 (MACCABAEUS, *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:**

**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:**

Music: G. F. Handel 1685-1759  
Text: 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.**

*This, or another appropriate prayer, may be said*

Bless, O, Lord, we pray, these your gifts, and sanctify them for this holy use, that by them we may share in the Body and Blood of your only Son Jesus Christ, and be fed for everlasting life of soul and body; Grant this, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

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.**

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 we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming

again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament, renew us by your Spirit that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power 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 and trust 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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. And 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.**

*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 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 is said*

**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 and other communicants receive Holy Communion.*

The body of Christ. **Amen**

The blood of Christ. **Amen**

*The Prayer after Communion*

Lord, you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with your Spirit and make us all one in peace and love. **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.**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The priest proclaims the blessing*

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** (EASTER HYMN, *New English Hymnal*)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, 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!**

Music: Adapted from a melody in  
*Lyra Davidica* 1708  
Text: *Lyra Davidica* 1708

