



The Holy Eucharist
in the
Easter Season

at 09:00 and 11:00



The Easter Season

The climax of the Christian Year is Easter Day and the period that follows it – Eastertide – continues the celebration. Eastertide lasts for fifty days. Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day. This corresponds with St Luke's chronology of events, as he tells of Jesus ascending forty days after the resurrection and the Spirit descending upon the church ten days later. The shape to the season was not established, however, until the end of the 4th century. Up until then, the Ascension and Pentecost were celebrated on the fiftieth day as one event. The whole of the fifty days preceding it were seen as both Easter and Pentecost, taking their shape and understanding from St John's account of these events in which the resurrection, ascension and gift of the Spirit are more closely connected in time.

It is hard to maintain a sense of celebration over a long period of time. However, it is important that we do this, as far as the Easter season is concerned. The liturgy encourages us in this. We wear the finest vestments; the Alleluia is added to the responses and greetings throughout the service, and the Paschal Candle, lit at the Easter Vigil, burns brightly for the whole of the fifty days, reminding us of the presence of Christ among his people. This candle is then placed, after it is extinguished, on the Feast of Pentecost, beside the font to be lit at baptisms and funerals, the two rites of passage in which we are brought into direct contact with the death and resurrection of Jesus- the journey to new life in the risen Christ.

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 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please see the notice sheet for details of the President and Preacher.

Please observe social distancing rules and follow the directions of the stewards at all times.

Please inform one of the stewards if you require a gluten-free host.

There will be no collection during the service, but there will be a retiring collection. Please give as generously as you are able at the contactless or cash donation points at the north porch door.

The Gathering

Please stand as the choir and clergy enter.

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

All **Amen.**

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

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Minister The river of the water of life
All **flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

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

Minister Lord, give us this water
All **and we shall thirst no more.**

President Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation;
to you be praise and glory for ever!
As once you led your people through the waters
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land,
so now from the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.
Accept our sacrifice of praise we pray
and bless these waters of your new creation,
that we, with all who have been born again
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
may have the darkness of our sin cast out
and walk with you in newness of life.

The President signs him or herself with water on behalf of all the baptised.

President May we, the first-fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made
and bless you Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, during which the ministers move to their places.

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

A short period of silence is introduced with the words:

President Let us pray.

*The Collect is said, then **please respond:***

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

At the end of the reading the reader says:

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The choir sings the psalm. When there is no choir, the psalm is said and the response is on the notice sheet.

Gospel Reading

*As the Book of the Gospels is carried before the Altar, **please stand**. The choir sings this or another acclamation which heralds the Gospel reading:*

Choir

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.

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

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

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end there is a short period of silence; then the Deacon says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

*After the sermon, **please stand**.*

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.**

Please kneel or sit.

Prayers of Intercession

During the intercessions, these responses may be used:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

or

Intercessor Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

After the final petition the President uses these or other words:

President 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.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace, using these or other words:

President 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!

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, but please do not shake hands or
make physical contact.*

Please sit.

The Offertory

*The President prepares the Altar and places bread and wine upon it.
An offertory hymn may be sung.*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

This or another prayer at the preparation may be used:

President Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
All **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **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 in these days of Easter
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.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Choir 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.

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, the mother of Jesus,
Osmund and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit.

A short period of silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

President 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

President 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

President Alleluia. Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The words of distribution are spoken to the congregation, and all
who intend to receive say 'Amen'.*

President The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.
All **Amen.**

The choir sings the AGNUS DEI.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

The distribution of communion begins. All who are baptized members of Christian churches are welcome to receive communion in one kind only. Communion will be administered to you at your seat; please stand to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please hold this booklet in your hands as a sign to those administering.

Prayer after Communion

After the distribution of communion a period of silence is kept.

President Let us pray.

Please stand.

*The President prays the Post-Communion prayer for this day.
We then pray together:*

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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

The President may use this or another suitable blessing:

President 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, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses us with the words:

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

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy move in procession, then sit for the organ voluntary.

Please remain seated until the stewards invite you to move, in order that all can exit safely.

There will be a retiring collection at the North Porch. Please give as generously as you are able, either in cash or at the contactless donation point, as you leave.

Please take this booklet away with you and bring it back with you for further use, or keep or dispose of it at home.