

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

### **Welcome and introduction**

### **Opening prayer**

#### **Confession**

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

#### **The Collect**

*Silence is kept.*

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.

**All** Amen.

## Gospel Reading

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.

*All* Alleluia.

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*

*All* Glory to you, O Lord.

*Matthew 28:1-10*

## The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ.





### **Declaration of Faith**

Christ has died  
Christ has died

Christ has risen  
Christ has risen

Christ will come again  
Christ will come again

I believe, Alleluia!  
I believe, Alleluia!

### **Prayers**

#### **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

Alleluia! The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you

And also with you. Alleluia!

*Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace - in person or by text or message!*

***The Liturgy of the Eucharist follows***

The Lord is here.

**All** His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places

to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King,

almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you

Because you raised him gloriously from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,

And has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death

And by his rising to life 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*:

**All** 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

**All To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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.

**All To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection**

**you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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.

### **The invitation**

Be present, be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

our risen high priest;

make yourself known in the breaking of bread. Amen.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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.

Notices

### **The Blessing**

God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

And the blessing of God Almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**