

The Eucharist in Easter Season

The Greeting

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Prayer of Preparation

All 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

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.

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 president says

May 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 Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

*The president introduces a brief period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray'*

*The Collect, a prayer that collects together the themes of the day, is said, and
all respond:*

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

One or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, and the living one;

I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

cf Philipians 2.6-11

Prayers of Intercession

One of the following or a seasonal response may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

All Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

All Merciful God,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The president takes the bread and wine.

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

All

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it
In remembrance of me.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with John and all your saints, we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

All O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God ,
that takest away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion prayer is said by the President.

All may say the following prayer

All 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.

The Dismissal

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing ...

All Amen.

A minister says

All Go in the peace of Christ. Alleuia, Alleluia.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.