

PARISH OF ESHER  
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

# The Eucharist for Easter Day



*'Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'*

# The Service of Light

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.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*The president lights the Easter Candle, saying*

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

*The president carrying the Candle raises it and says*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*As the Candle is carried through the church the light is passed on so that everyone's candle is lit. The hand-held candles are extinguished after the Collect.'*

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# Gloria in Excelsis

All sing:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er  
*Descant*  
we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.  
Lord Jes - us Christ, on-ly Son of the  
Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have  
mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our  
prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jes-us Christ with the Ho - ly  
*Descant*  
Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A men.

## The Collect

*The minister introduces a period of silent prayer.*

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.**

*The hand-held candles are extinguished.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading, and a psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading.*

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A hymn is sung.*

### Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*After the Sermon an anthem may be sung, or a piece of music played.*

## **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*On Easter Sunday, we renew our baptismal vows.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

## Prayer over the Water

*The president stands before the water of baptism and says:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

Amen.

## Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in 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.**

*The waters of Baptism are sprinkled over the people.*

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all 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.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The minister introduces the prayers:*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy    or    Lord, hear us:  
**hear our prayer.**                      **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The minister introduces the 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

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

## Online Offertory

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*A hymn is sung.*

## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it.*

*The following prayer is used:*

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

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 and as we obey his command,  
 send your Holy Spirit,  
 that broken bread and wine outpoured  
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*All sit or kneel.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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

*The minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.*

Choir only ----- All -----  
Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
Choir only ----- All -----  
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
Choir only ----- All -----  
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: grant us \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*In line with the Church of England guidance on Spiritual Communion at this time of the Coronavirus those unable to receive the consecrated bread and wine today may wish to use this prayer at home:*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

**Amen.**

*During the distribution, music may be sung or played.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*The post communion prayer is said:*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Then all say together:*

**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.**

*Notices may be given.*

*A hymn is sung.*

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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