

# Holy Week



Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday,  
Good Friday, Easter Vigil,  
Easter Day

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### **A very warm welcome to church today!**

Welcome to our Worth Parish churches of St Barnabas'  
Pound Hill and St Nicholas' Worth.

We pray you will sense something  
of the peace, love and presence of God here,  
as together, we seek to know, love and follow Jesus.

Within these walls let no one remain a stranger:  
if you are a visitor or new to our church,  
please make yourself known to one of the clergy, churchwardens  
or member of the congregation.

### **Regular services**

Sundays at 8am and 10am at St Nicholas'  
Sundays at 10am at St Barnabas'  
Tuesdays at 10.30am at St Barnabas'  
Thursdays at 10.30am at St Nicholas'

# PALM SUNDAY

*Everyone is invited to speak or sing the words in **bold**.*

*The hymns may be on a separate sheet or the hymn numbers will be on the board at the front of the church.*

## **Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem**

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
during Lent we have been preparing by works of love  
and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death  
and resurrection.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration  
in union with the Church throughout the world.

Christ enters his own city to complete his work  
as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again.

Let us go with him in faith and love,  
so that, united with him in his sufferings,  
we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up palms while this prayer of blessing is said by the Priest.*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah  
to suffer and to die;  
let these palms be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Gospel of the Palms**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
(*Matthew 21. 1–11, Mark 11. 1–11, Luke 19. 28–40 or John 12. 12–16*)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Procession**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*During the Procession a hymn is sung.*

*At the end, please remain standing.*

## **Hymn**

## **The Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading from the letter to the Philippians (2. 5–11).*

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Passion Gospel reading.*

*Matthew 27. 11–54, Mark 15. 1–39 or Luke 23. 1–49*

## **Gospel of the Passion**

*At the end, please sit.*

*Silence.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity  
there may grow a rich union in Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws and decisions that affect the lives  
of many, that our common life may be ordered in justice  
and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those weighed down with hardship, illness, failure,  
or sorrow, who feel that God is far from them,  
that they may know God's healing presence  
and among them...

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, especially...  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*Please stand to share the Peace.*

## **The Peace**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near through the shedding  
of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn, during which the Altar is prepared  
and a collection is received.*

# **The Eucharistic Prayer (The Great Thanksgiving)**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.  
And now we give you thanks because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**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 Blessed Mary,  
St Barnabas, St Nicholas, and all your 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.

**Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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**

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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing.*

*A hymn or anthem may be sung; please remain seated.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself

in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross  
for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you  
as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain standing to sing the Recessional Hymn.*

## **Hymn**

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Everyone is invited to speak or sing the words in **bold**.  
the hymns may be on a separate sheet or the hymn numbers  
will be on the board at the front of the church.  
Please stand to sing the Entrance Hymn.*

## Hymn

### The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

### Confession and Absolution

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

‘If you love me, keep my commandments.’

‘Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.’

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,  
and ask him to cleanse us.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you  
in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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 (Prayer of the Day)**

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love;  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## Readings

Exodus 12. 1–4, 11–14 and 1 Corinthians 11. 23–26

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and face the Gospel.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:

Love one another as I have loved you.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## The Gospel *John 13. 1–17, 31b–35*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read and at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## The Washing of Feet

*At the end*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do  
for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life  
and died for us, but live and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed,  
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.  
Teach us to follow his example of loving service.

Lord, hear us

**and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.  
Strengthen, we pray, the fellowship of your Church.

Lord, hear us

**and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe  
through his disciples' message.  
Renew the witness of your Church in compassion and joy.

Lord, hear us

**and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,  
but suffered rejection himself.  
Help us to offer welcome to the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us

**and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples  
that if the world hated them it hated him first.  
Grant the gift of hope to all who are persecuted.

Lord, hear us

**and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death  
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.  
Remember with love those who have died  
in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us

**and welcome all your children into paradise.**

*Please stand to share the Peace.*

## **The Peace**

Jesus says:

‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn, during which the Altar is prepared.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (The Great Thanksgiving)**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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 to give you thanks, Father most holy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this night he girded himself with a towel  
and taking the form of a servant  
washed the feet of his disciples.

He gave us a new commandment  
that we should love one another as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples  
to be a memorial of his passion,  
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels  
and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end:

**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.**

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;

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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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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**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 Blessed Mary,  
St Nicholas, St Barnabas 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.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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**

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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed 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.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or a blessing.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption,  
for you live and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please remain seated or kneel to sing the hymn.*

## **Hymn**

*During the hymn, the Blessed Sacrament  
is taken to the Altar of Repose, in readiness for the Watch.*

## **Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*During the Stripping, verses from Psalm 22 are read or sung.*

*Please keep silence.*

### **Dismissal**

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

*All depart in silence or to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.*

# GOOD FRIDAY

*Everyone is invited to speak or sing the words in **bold**.*

*The hymns may be on a separate sheet or the hymn numbers will be on the board at the front of the church.*

*Please stand as the Altar Party enters the Church, then kneel or sit while the clergy prostrate themselves before the Altar.*

*Please stand when the clergy stand.*

## **The Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 52. 13–53. 12*

*Please stand to sing the hymn.*

## **Hymn**

*Please sit.*

## **New Testament Reading** *Hebrews 4. 14–16, 5. 7–9*

*If you are able, please stand to hear the Passion reading.*

## **Gospel of the Passion** *John 18.1–19. 37*

*Please sit.*

*Silence.*

*Please stand to sing the hymn.*

## **Hymn**

*The Cross is brought forward to the Chancel.*

*The procession stops three times and each time is said*

Behold the wood of the cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

**Come, let us worship.**

*Please kneel or sit for the Reproaches (with verses from, among others, Micah 6, Jeremiah 2 and Isaiah 5) which are sung or said and you are invited to approach the Cross. Prayers of Intercession follow and at the end of each Lord, hear us.*

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Please stand to sing the hymn, during which the Blessed Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose to the main Altar.*

## **Hymn**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed 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.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing.*

## **Gospel of the Burial of Christ** *John 19. 38–42*

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

*All depart in silence.*

# EASTER VIGIL

*Everyone is invited to speak or sing the words in **bold**.*

*The hymns may be on a separate sheet or the hymn numbers will be on the board in the front of the church.*

*We gather outside the church for The Service of Light.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

*The new fire is kindled.*

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: 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.**

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.**

*Incense studs are inserted into the Paschal Candle.*

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

*The Paschal Candle is lit.*

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

*As the Paschal Candle is carried in, three times we sing  
The Light of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*During the procession, the people's candles are lit.*

*When the Paschal Candle is placed in position, the ancient hymn of praise,  
Exsultet, is sung. At the end, please sit and extinguish your candle.*

## **Old Testament Readings**

*These include Exodus 14. 10–31, 15. 20–21*

*At the end of the last reading, please stand.*

**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 (Prayer of the Day)**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection  
of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

**Epistle** *Romans 6. 3–11*

*Please stand and face the Gospel.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel of the Resurrection** *John 20. 1–18*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read and at the end*

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn.*

**Hymn**

*During the hymn, we gather around the Font.*

## **Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of the Font**

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.

*If baptism is to take place, this is asked*

Do you wish to be baptized?

*I do.*

In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys, and rise to live with him for ever.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject evil?

**I reject evil.**

And all its many forms?

**And all its many forms.**

And all its empty promises?

**And all its empty promises.**

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

And put your trust in him?

**And put my trust in him.**

And promise to follow him for ever?

**And promise to follow him for ever.**

*If baptism is to take place, this is said, otherwise omitted.*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.  
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin,  
the world and the devil, and remain faithful  
to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*The water of the Font is blessed.*

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.**

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father,

source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*If baptism is to take place, this is asked*

*N, is this your faith?*

*This is my faith.*

*N, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism  
into his Church pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

*N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.*

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*Please return to your place and remain standing to share the Peace.*

## **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. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*During the hymn the altar is prepared. Please remain standing.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (The Great Thanksgiving)**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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 on this night of our redemption  
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:

**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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**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 Blessed Mary,  
St Barnabas, St Nicholas, and all your 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.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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**

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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*You are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or a blessing.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Father of lights,  
from whom comes every good and perfect gift:  
keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in your world,  
that all may believe in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*A lit candle is given to the newly Baptized and this is said*  
God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

*N. you have received the light of Christ  
walk in this light all the days of your life.*

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

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



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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Please remain standing to sing the Recessional Hymn*

**Hymn**

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# EASTER DAY

*Everyone is invited to speak or sing the words in **bold**.*

*The hymns may be on a separate sheet or the hymn numbers will be on the board in the front of the church.*

*Please stand to sing the Entrance Hymn.*

## Hymn

### The Greeting and Easter Acclamations

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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 (Prayer of the Day)**

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 sit.*

## **Reading**

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and face the Gospel, which may be greeted by an acclamation*

## **Gospel of the Resurrection**

*Matthew 28. 1–10, Mark 16. 1–8 or Luke 24. 1–12*

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.**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read and at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## **Sermon**

*Please stand.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*All respond*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

*Please stand to share the Peace.*

## **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. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn,*

*during which the Altar is prepared and a collection is received.*

# Offertory Hymn

## The Eucharistic Prayer (The Great Thanksgiving)

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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 always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,  
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,

Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal  
with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you. This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.  
Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.  
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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

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.**

## Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed 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.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing.  
Anthems or hymns may be sung; please remain seated.*

## Prayer after Communion

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

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

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Please remain standing to sing the Recessional Hymn.*

## Hymn

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