

**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.**

**We break 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.**

***(Words of invitation.)***

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**We receive communion or a blessing** *(Please remain seated and we will come to you.)*

We thank you Lord,  
**that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly  
banquet prepared for all your people. Amen.**

**We sing together** *(During which children take part in the Easter egg hunt.)*

God the Father, by whose power 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.**

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.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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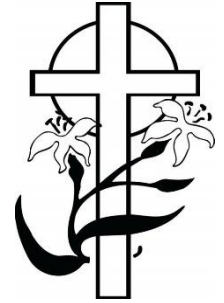
**Easter Day**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.**

**Introduction / we sing together**

**We light the Easter candle**

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 listen to God's word and tell of all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory and live with him for ever. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**We process the light**

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God** x 3

**We sing together**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father**  
To God be glory forever  
**To God be glory forever**  
Alleluia! Amen. **Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen.**

Glory to God Glory to God to Christ Jesus

Glory to God Glory to God Glory to the Spirit

**We listen to the word of God**

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**  
For the good news of Jesus **Thanks be to God**

**We reflect on the word of God**

### **We renew our faith in God**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

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 God who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the way. **Amen.**

Let us declare our faith in God. Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God, the source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We 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?

**We believe and trust in him.**

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

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **We pray for the church and the world.**

God of love **Hear our prayer.**

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

### **We share God's 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 risen Christ be always with you. **And also with you. Alleluia!**

### **We sing together**

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

### **Communion 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**