

# The Holy Eucharist: An Easter Celebration

including The Day of Pentecost

Announcements

*In this liturgy, the responses of the people are in **bold print**.*

*If at any time during this service you find it uncomfortable to stand or kneel, please feel free to sit instead.*

## The Word of God

Entrance

***The people stand.***

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

*The following hymn of praise is said, all standing*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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 Prayer of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Prayer of the Day, which is printed on the Celebrate insert.*

*People* **Amen.**

***The people sit.***

## The Lessons

### First Reading

*All the lessons are printed on the Celebrate insert.*

*The Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from\_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*or this*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Second Reading

*After the Reading:*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*or this*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

***The people stand.***

## Gospel

*Then the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

***The people sit.***

*The people stand. On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Printed on the Celebrate insert. The people stand or kneel.*

**Confession of Sin**

*On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***The people may kneel or bow. Silence may be kept.***

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand.* *The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ, keeping a safe physical distance.*

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*The Lord's Table is prepared.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Easter*

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

*Pentecost*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**grant us peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Then may be said, for those who will not commune*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

**I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.**

**Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,  
come spiritually into my heart.**

**Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,  
and let me never be separated from you.**

**May I live in you, and you in me,  
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*Please wait for the usher to direct you to communion.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

**of the most precious Body and Blood**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

**that we are living members of the Body of Christ,**

**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, send us out**

**to do the work you have given us to do,**

**to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Sundays of Easter*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The Day of Pentecost*

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit forever. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. **Amen.**

May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

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

*or this*

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

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

*or this*

Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

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

*or this*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

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

***Please remain seated until the usher dismisses you.***

*Your offering may be placed in a plate at the door.*

***Please recycle this worship folder or take it home with you.***

*This liturgy will be used April 3 – May 23.*

*With regret, we are unable to socialize in the parish hall at this time.*

*Please join our Zoom “Happy Hours” at 7 PM on the first Sunday of the month.*

*You can join with any computer device or telephone.*

Postlude

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