



The Easter Procession

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The procession makes its way to the Easter Garden in the baptistery.

We sing the processional hymn and bless the Easter Garden after the children have been invited forward.

Processional Hymn



**Jesus Christ is risen to-day,
Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross,
Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us
sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and
grave,
Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!**

**But the pains that he endured
Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured;
Alleluia!**

**Now above the sky he's King,
Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia!**

Prayers at the Garden

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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... Blessed be God, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

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The prayers end:

... and send us to share the good
news with others. **Amen.**

**Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love;
Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly
host,
Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!**

The Gathering

Prayers of Penitence

O Jesus Christ, risen Master and
triumphant Lord, we come to you
in sorrow for our sins, and confess
to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us:
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us:
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

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.
Amen.

All remain standing.

Gloria in Excelsis

We sing together

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of thy 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 thee 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

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit.

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand.



Gradual Hymn

**Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia, etc.**

**Spread the good news o'er all
the earth.**

**Jesus has died and is risen.
Alleluia, alleluia, etc.**

**We have been crucified with
Christ.**

**Now we shall live for ever.
Alleluia, alleluia, etc.**

**God has proclaimed the just
reward:**

**'Life for us all, alleluia!'
Alleluia, alleluia, etc.**

**Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.
Alleluia, alleluia, etc.**

Gospel Reading

We sing - repeat 4 times



Now he is living, the Christ,
out of the tomb he is risen.
He has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.



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

Hear the good news of our Lord
Jesus Christ in the Gospel
according to John



The Gospel reading is
John 20:1-18

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Sermon

All sit.

The Creed

All stand.

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.
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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

All sit or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used:

**We pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

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. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We exchange a sign of peace with one another

Preparation of the Table

**This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow:**

*Had Christ, who once was
slain,
ne'er burst His three-day
prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen*

**My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:**

**Death's flood hath lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river;
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver**

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 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 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:

We 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.

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

Please 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup:
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

We sing

**Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

You are invited to receive communion. If you receive communion in another Christian church you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing instead please bring this booklet with you.

The choir sings the anthem: "The Easter Song of Praise" by Richard Shepherd

Communion Hymn:

**Now the green blade riseth,
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many**

days hath lain;
Love lives again, that with the
dead has been:
Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love
who men had slain,
Thinking that never he would
awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that
sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat
that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like
the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the
grave had lain;
Quick from the dead, my risen
Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat
that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to
life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead
and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat
that springeth green.

Prayer after Communion

*The president says the post communion
prayer after which we all say:*

You have opened to us the
Scriptures, O Christ, and you
have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.

Abide with us we pray,
that, blessed by your royal
presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal
Trinity, one God for ever and
ever.
Amen.



The Dismissal

Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen,
conquering Son
endless is the victory thou o'er
death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled
the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen,
conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er
death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from
the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters
fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death
hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen,
conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er
death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid
us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to
thy home above

*Thine be the glory, risen,
conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er
death hast won.*

Acclamation

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 lights to the
world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Dismissal Gospel

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.'

John 11:25,26

The Blessing

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.



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