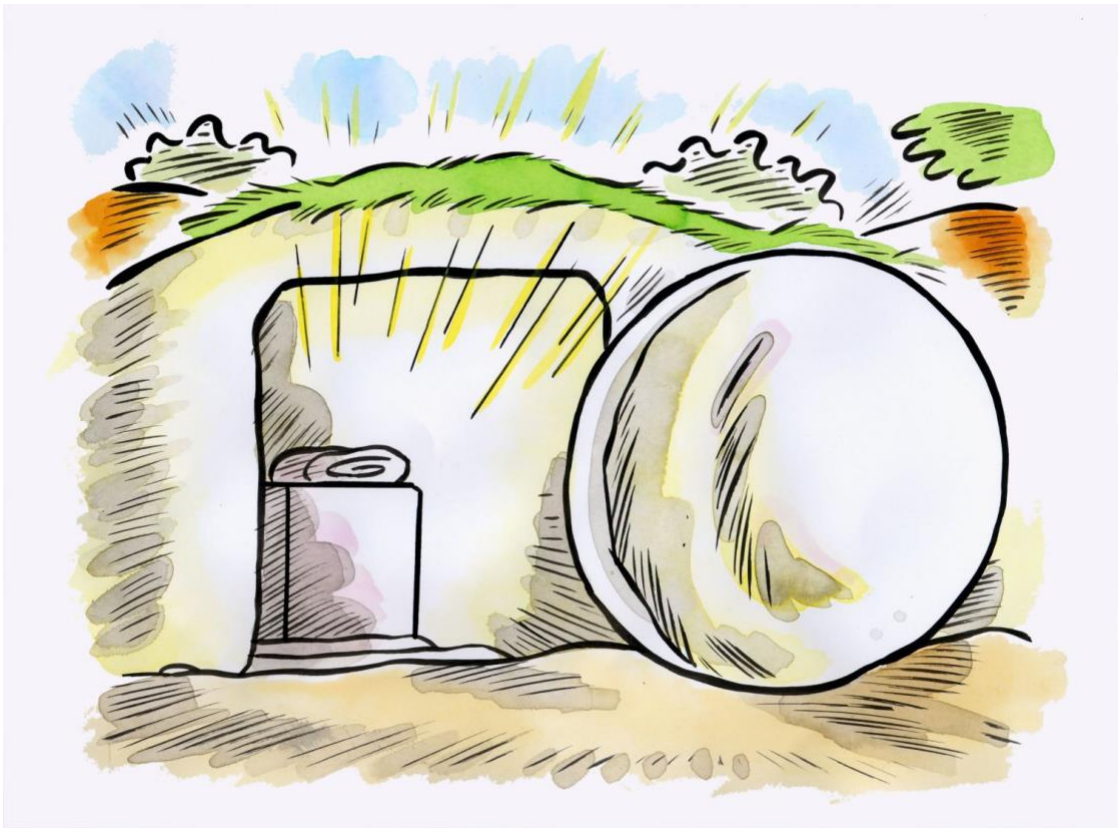


# A Holy Communion Service for Easter



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## **WELCOME**

## **GREETING**

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

On this the first day of the week, we gather to take one final look into the tomb:  
see, he is not there.

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you that we can worship you  
not simply as the crucified Christ but as our risen Lord and Saviour.

We praise you that death was not the end but a new beginning,  
not simply for you but for us!

We praise you for this time of joy, thanksgiving and rejoicing, a time that speaks  
of victory, renewal and hope.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN or SONG**

## **CONFESSION**

*We sit or kneel and spend a few moments bringing to mind anything for which  
we need to ask God's forgiveness.*

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 Father forgive *us*  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen *us*  
to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days.  
**Amen.**

## **GLORY TO GOD**

*We sing a song, offering glory to God.*

## **COLLECT**

*The prayer for the day is said.*

## **CHILDREN'S READING AND ACTIVITY**

## **HYMN or SONG**

## **GOSPEL READING/DRAMA**

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader may say,*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*And at the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **TALK**

## CREED

*We declare our belief in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;  
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the  
Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS

*One of the following responses, or an alternative, may be used.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us,  
**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 PEACE

*The Peace is introduced with the following, or another suitable sentence.*

Jesus stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you; why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see.' *Luke 24:36-39.*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We may exchange a sign of peace, by shaking hands with one another, or by using sign language, and saying, 'Peace be with you.'*

## **HYMN or SONG**

*During this hymn or song, the bread and wine are placed upon the table.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2**

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.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You made us all, wonderfully different, to join with the angels to praise you, by saying,

**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.**

*or by singing one of the following.*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of his glory,  
the whole earth is full of his glory,  
the whole earth is full of his glory,  
holy is the Lord.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying,  
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying,  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'  
So, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when  
suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with [*N and*] all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in  
the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*We sit or kneel.*

**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**

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**

God's Holy gifts for God's Holy people.

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

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among *you*, and remain with *you* and those *you* love, now and always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

## **HYMN or SONG**

