

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

After the service please join us for
refreshments, and remember there are
people willing to pray with you in confidence.

Call to worship

Come and join the celebration
Jesus Christ is risen today!

Come and hear the amazing news
Jesus' death is not the end!

Come and share the joy and freedom
our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name!
Alleluia!

Song **Resurrection Hymn**

A prayer of confession

Lord, Mary wasn't expecting to see you that morning
in the garden, so she mistook you for a gardener.
We confess that so often we too do not expect to see you,
and we make mistakes.

Forgive us, Lord, and open our eyes.

Lord, the disciples didn't believe what seemed like nonsense
Sometimes we do not understand.
we retreat to what we know.

Forgive us, Lord, and open our eyes.

Peter, went away wondering, Lord believe, help our unbelief
Give us the courage of our beliefs so we may be
witnesses to your resurrection.

Forgive us, Lord, and open our eyes.
Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

Our understanding is dark, clouded by dismay,
fearful and lacking in faith,
yet we know that you will understand, Lord.
Shine your light on us
and banish the dark thoughts that overwhelm us;
forgive us the deeds committed while fearful and bewildered,
and lead us forward in the light of your love.

Amen.

Collect for Easter 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.

Affirmation of Faith

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 forever.
Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

Thanksgiving after Communion

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Church Family News

Song **Thine Be the Glory**

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.**

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer before the Distribution

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

Song O Praise the Name

Reading - Colossians 3: 1 - 4

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

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

Sermon

Song You are the King of Glory

What have you seen God doing?

Prayers

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

let us offer one another a sign of peace

Song Shout to the Lord

Eucharistic 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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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 of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Praising our saviour all the day long

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Praising our saviour all the day long

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Praising our saviour all the day long

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup

we celebrate the cross

on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again

and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Praising our saviour all the day long

Send your Spirit on us now

that by these gifts we may feed on Christ

with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food

offer ourselves to live for you

and be welcomed at your feast in heaven

where all creation worships you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour, glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.