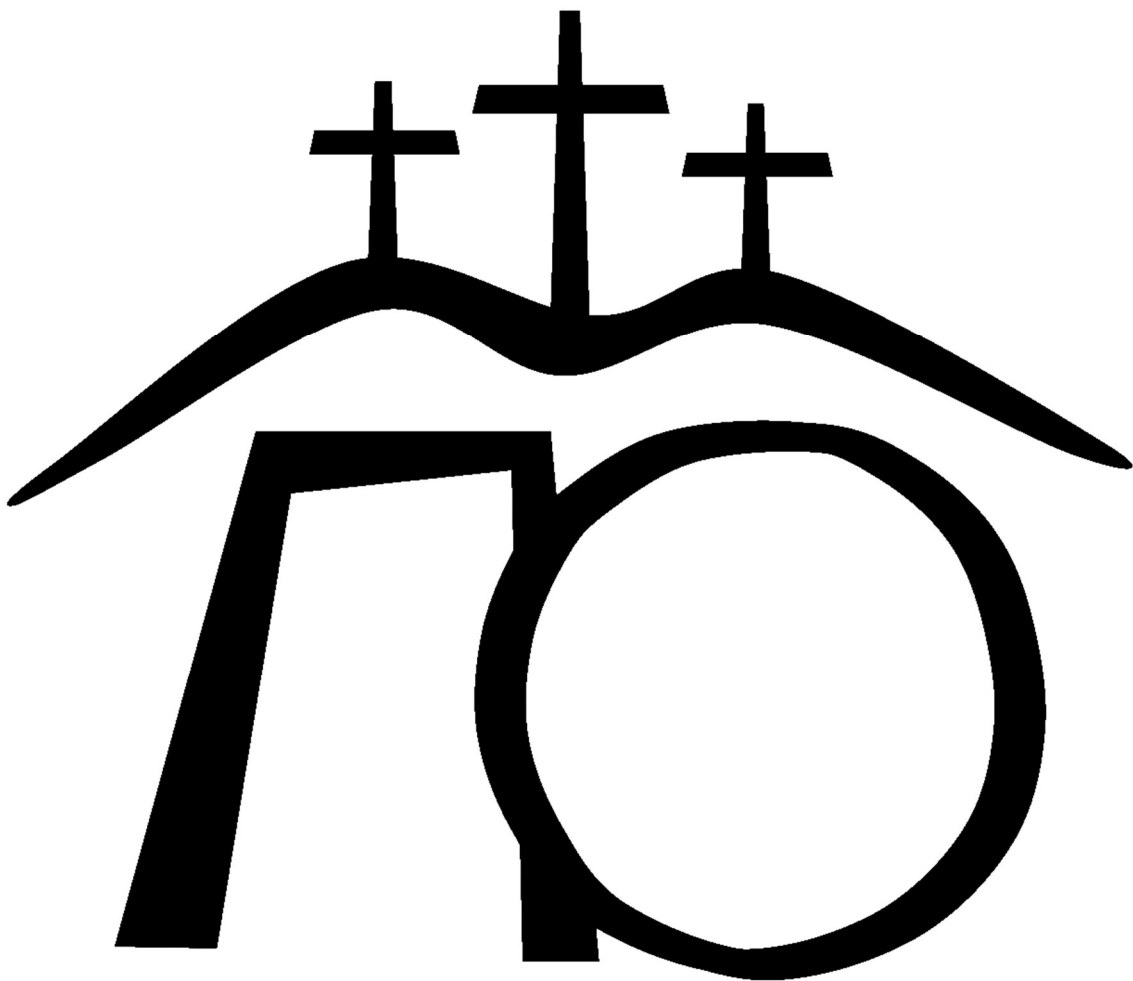


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ON EASTER DAY

## *Welcoming the Easter Candle*

*At the back of church the minister says...*

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.**

## *Opening Hymn*

*please stand*

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, 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 heav'nly King, Alleluia!**  
**who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**  
**sinner 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!**

## *Acclamation and Welcome*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

### ***Prayers at the Easter Garden***

The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.’

*Matthew 28.5,6*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
To you be glory now and for ever.  
In your great mercy you have given us a new birth  
into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in  
celebration of his victory  
be strengthened in faith,  
know the power of his presence,  
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***[A candle is placed inside the empty tomb]***

Risen Lord Jesus,  
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden  
on the morning of your resurrection,  
so may we meet you today and every day:  
speak to us as you spoke to her;  
reveal yourself as the living Lord;  
renew our hope and kindle our joy;  
and send us to share the good news with others.  
**Amen.**

## *Gloria in Excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

## *Collect*

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

## *Liturgy of the Word*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 65:17-end*

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labour in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*The choir sing 'This Joyful Eastertide'*

*New Testament Reading*

*1 Corinthians 15: 19-26*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever  
and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
you have promised loving kindness,  
hear your servants as we pray;  
bless your people now before you,  
turn our darkness into day.**

**Hear the cry of all your people,  
what they ask and hope to gain;  
what they gain from you, for ever  
with your chosen to retain,  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory,  
while unending ages run.**

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*20:1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the

linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Thanksgiving for the Resurrection*

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and exalt him for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be to him who sits upon the throne**

**and to the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Great and marvellous are your works,**



**Lord God the almighty;  
just and true are your ways,  
King of saints;  
all glorious your gifts, Spirit of life.  
Blessing and honour  
and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honour and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:  
**and his mercy endures for ever.**  
He has loved us from all eternity:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And remembered us when we were in trouble:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man:  
**his mercy endures for ever.**  
By his cross and passion he has redeemed the world:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And has washed us from our sins in his own blood:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
On the third day he rose again:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And has given us the victory:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
He ascended into heaven:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**  
And ever lives to make intercession for us:  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

## *Intercessions*

### *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

#### *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.  
Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again, when he rose again;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when he rose again;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day when the Spirit came;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
when the Spirit came.**

*Preparation of the Table*

Lord of life,  
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.  
**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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:  
**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, Paul, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

### ***Agnus Dei***

**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**

### ***Giving of Communion***

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

### ***Prayer After Communion***

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

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

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

***Dismissal***

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**