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Sung Eucharist of the Resurrection



Easter Day

The church is wherever we find ourselves, we continue to be a community of faith as we virtually gather around the New Fire. The celebrant says:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ.
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.

The Lighting of the New Fire

Outside, accompanied by prayers:

- *the Paschal Candle is signed with the cross;*
- *grains of incense, marking the wounds of Christ, are inserted;*
- *the Candle is lighted from the new fire.*

All Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,

All Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

All By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.
Amen.

The president lights the Easter Candle, saying:

All May the light of Christ,
rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.
Amen.

The minister carrying the Candle raises it and says or sings:

All The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God...X3

The Exsultet (*Easter Song of Praise*)

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Together we sing the Exsultet:

**Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your King in glorious symphony!**

**Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past, the day of life is here!**

**Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!**

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The First Eucharist of Easter

President: Jesus Christ is risen

Clergy: He is risen indeed.

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Clergy/choir: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

President: Jesus Christ is risen

All: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn

NEH 110

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!
sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Remain standing to sing **The Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!
**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!**
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!
**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!**
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
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The 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.

All **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 10.34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand for **The Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But 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. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Matthew 28.1–10

At the end the reader says:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand for 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.

All Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you. Alleluia!

Hymn

NEH 115

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has 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 whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake 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,
he that 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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord is here.
His spirit is with us.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:

**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**

The president recalls the Last Supper and this acclamation is used:

All Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology to which all respond:

All **Amen.**

All kneel. Silence is kept

All As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

All 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.**

All sing the **Agnus Dei**

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

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace X2.**

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.

All **Amen.**

All **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.**

The Notices

Final 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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

NEH 117

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.**

The Dismissal

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

Prayers of Intercession for Sunday 12th April 2020 – Easter Sunday

In our parish cycle of prayer: Burdett-Coutts School and The Greycoat Hospital School

For those who live in: Greencoat Place and Vincent Square

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar: Bishop Mark Maung Doe, the people and priests of the Diocese of Pa'an

We pray for our New York City link parish:

The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for their staff team and needs

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for peace of Jerusalem and the people of the Holy Land

Aalborg (Denmark): Henning Toft Bro (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for growth in confidence as ambassadors in Jesus Christ

Pray for the work of the Archdeacon of Hackney, The Venerable Elizabeth Adekunle, and her PA Joanne Rolling

Among those who have asked for our prayers:

Robin Fairfax; Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Jean Haswell; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Bob Szewczyk; Henry Taylor; John Travis-Clarke; Maadimo Tlale; Gay Widmer; Anne Norman-Butler; Marian McHale; George Taylor; Amal Griffin; Christopher Hopkins; Fraser Copley and his dad, Kevin Copley; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Everard John

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