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# Sung Eucharist of the Resurrection



*Easter Day*

*The church is darkened, and the West Door opened*

*The congregation are invited to gather around the New Fire*

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 the church, accompanied by prayers:*

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

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.**

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

*The president lights the Paschal Candle, saying:*

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 sings:*

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All light their candles from the Paschal Candle, then follow it into the church.*

*At the entrance to the church:*

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*At the Font:*

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Exsultet** (*Easter Song of Praise*)  
*Sung by the minister, during which we respond*

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.**

## **The Decision**

*The president addresses those present*

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?

**I believe and trust in him.**

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

**I believe and trust in him.**

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

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*The congregation is sprinkled with water to remind us of our Baptism as the choir sings:*

*I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple,  
Alleluia.*

*It brought God's life, and his salvation,  
And the people sang in joyful praise:  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

## The First Eucharist of Easter

*President:* Jesus Christ is risen

*Clergy/servers:* 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!**

*All return to their pews*

## 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!  
Sinners 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!**

(or **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.**

Alleluia, Amen!  
**Alleluia, Amen!**  
Alleluia, Amen!  
**Alleluia, Amen!**  
Alleluia, Amen!  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

### **The Collect** *for Easter Day*

Let us pray:

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.**

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

#### **Scripture Reading**

*The reader announces the reading:*

*At the end the reader says:*

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

#### **Gradual 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.

#### *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.  
**Alleluia!**

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

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

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

*At the end the reader says:*

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

#### **Sermon**

#### ***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.

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.

### Offertory 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

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.**

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

**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.**

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

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:*

**Amen.**

*Sit or kneel. Silence is kept*

As our Saviour taught us, so with confidence 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:*

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***

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **Distribution of Communion**

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

*All those who usually receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring your order of service with you.*

### **Communion Anthem**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray:

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.**

### **The Notices**

### **Blessing of the Easter Garden and Easter Egg hunt**

## Hymn

We have a King who rides a donkey.  
We have a King who rides a donkey.  
We have a King who rides a donkey  
and His name is Jesus.

*Jesus the King is Risen!*  
*Jesus the King is Risen!*  
*Jesus the King is Risen,*  
*early in the morning!*

Trees are waving a royal welcome.  
Trees are waving a royal welcome.  
Trees are waving a royal welcome  
for the King called Jesus.

We have a King who cares for people.  
We have a King who cares for people.  
We have a King who cares for people  
and His name is Jesus.

## 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.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

NEH120

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, conquering Son,*  
*endless is the victory 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...*

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...*

### ***The Dismissal***

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

### **Organ Voluntary**