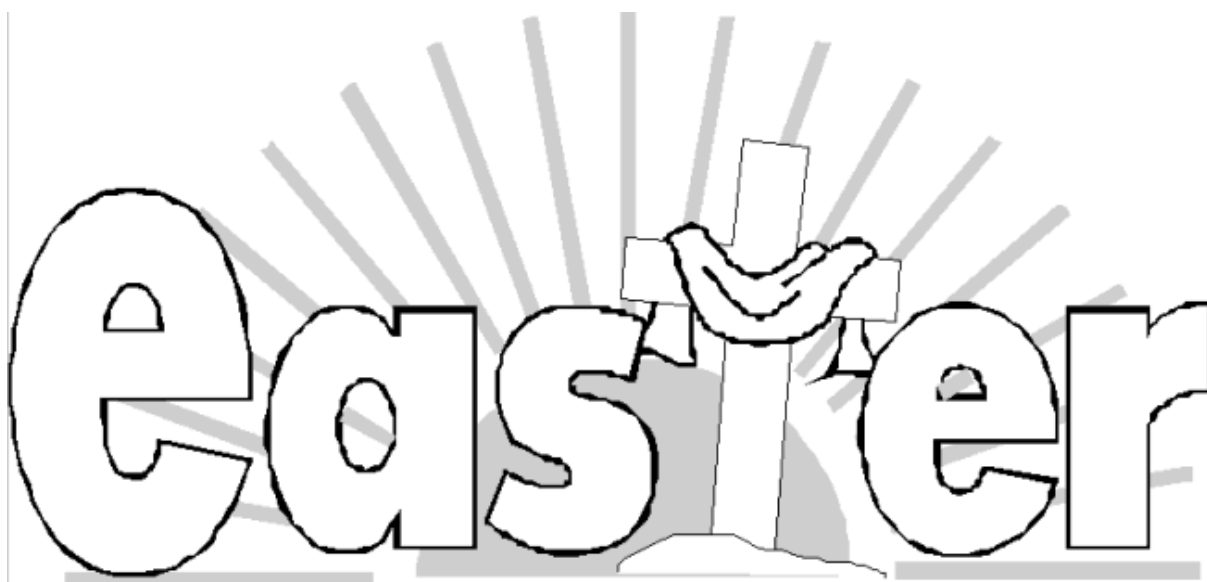


# **A Service for the Easter Season**

**With a Celebration of Holy Communion**



## **Preparation**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **Opening prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord God,

By whose power our Lord Jesus Christ is raised from the dead.

In your presence is life and life eternal.

In your power death is conquered

And the gate to eternal life is opened.

In your presence is the fulness of joy.

**All Amen**

## **Prayers of Confession**

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.

**All 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.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All** **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleans *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *you* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

### **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

We hear the first reading.

I Peter. I. 17-23

We hear the Gospel Reading  
Luke.24.13-35

The Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

*(Various people have contributed to these prayers and sent them to me for this service. – Thank you to them)*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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.**

## **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.

*cf John 20.19*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## **The Communion**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

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:

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
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.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 our story.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 our story.

**All This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

**All** **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Giving of Communion**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**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**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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



## Our songs this week . . . .

- 1 The day of resurrection,  
Earth, tell it out abroad!  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth up to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 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 is risen,  
Our joy that has no end.

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have come to us,  
You are one with us,  
Mary's Son;  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.
  
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ,  
Now and every day  
Teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance, Lord, of you;  
Into our lives your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.
  
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have come to us,  
Born as one of us,  
Mary's Son;  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord.
  
- 4 Lord Jesus Christ,  
I would come to you,  
Live my life for you,  
Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

1 All heaven declares  
the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare  
with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever He will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship Him alone.

2 I will proclaim  
the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain  
to reconcile man to God.  
Forever You will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship You alone.

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