

PARISH OF ESHER
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

The Eucharist in Eastertide



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

The Gathering

The minister greets the people.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Greeting

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

A hymn is sung.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

The minister says:

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

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All sing:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er
Descant
we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Jes - us_ Christ, on-ly Son of the_
Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re- ceive our
prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jes-us Christ with the Ho - ly_
Descant
Spi-rit_, in the glo-ry of God the_ Fath-er. A_____men_____.

The Collect

The minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said, and all respond:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading, and a psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading.

At the end of each, the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

The congregation and choir sing the Celtic Alleluia, with the two intervening sentences sung by the choir alone:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Now he is living, the Christ.
Out of the tomb he is risen;
He has conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The minister introduces the prayers:

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

One of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The minister introduces 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.

The Offertory

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Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it, while a hymn is sung or a piece of music is played.

The following prayer is used:

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon
the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The minister breaks the consecrated 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.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.

Choir only ----- All -----
Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Choir only ----- All -----
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Choir only ----- All -----
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: grant us _____ peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

In line with the Church of England guidance on Spiritual Communion at this time of the Coronavirus those unable to receive the consecrated bread and wine today may wish to use this prayer at home:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

During the distribution, music may be sung or played.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The post communion prayer is said, then all say together:

**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 Dismissal

Notices may be given.

A hymn is sung.

The Blessing

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.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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