

Quiet music is played as we enter

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Service is introduced

We make our confession to God.

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

Silence is kept

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We hear sung

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

We are reminded of God's forgiveness.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, (+) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say the Gloria together

**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.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING; Acts 8:26-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE SECOND READING (1 John 4: 7-end)

A reading from the letter to the first letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We listen to the Hymn it is a thing so wonderful as we prepare to hear the Gospel -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMgXB3NGC2A>

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

Let us affirm our faith in the God:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the (+) resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Intercessions for the World

Intercessions

Holy God, in whom we abide,
we pray for the Church, your broken body in the world,
Help us to be a community which is generous and helpful
and responds to the needs of those around us.
Guide us in nurturing one another and shining your grace in
the world.

Silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Holy God,
The great vinegrower,
help us to bear much fruit as we care for the world
bringing glory to your creation.
We pray for all places torn apart by war, disaster, and
pandemic; and for all who are working for justice, mercy and
peace.

Silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Jesus, who gathers us in
and helps us to grow.
Strengthen us and
and lead us all in building communities of justice and grace,
We pray for the communities in which we live,
for the changes and new ways of being;
that we may always see you in each other.

Silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we seek to be your disciples, Holy God;
help us to care for one another,
We pray for our sisters and brothers in need, distress, or
sorrow.

We pray for all who mourn; and all who are lost or uncertain.
We pray for all who long for your healing including Jean,
David, Piers, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron,
Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth....

Silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Creator, you abide in us in life and death
we pray for all who have left their mark on our lives but we see
no more; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time
including Ted Wilson, Bill Clements and Alice Goode

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace

And rise in Glory

In the stillness of this moment, we lift to you our other
concerns and prayers...

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said,
Peace be with you. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

The Lord is risen
He is risen indeed.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
and all may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with
these words

As the altar is prepared we hear the hymn Immortal Invisible

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is
true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire
that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.
Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him 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.

**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.

Elevate. Genuflect/profound bow (Bells are rung)

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 Blessed Mary,
St Anne, St Andrew 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**

*Silence is kept for a moment and then we are invited to join in
the prayer that Jesus taught his friends to say.*

**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 president breaks the consecrated 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.**

We sing the Agnus Dei.

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us Your peace**

The Elevation

This is Jesus, the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to His supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

As receive we listen to Draw nigh -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj1ECdrFjSA>

Let us pray:

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Brief notices are given

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life 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 peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We listen to the hymn..Alleluia Alleluia as we leave

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKYo&t=11s>