

## LITURGY FOR EASTER 2020

### *Opening Hymn*

Morning has broken,  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird;  
Praise for the singing,  
Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing  
Fresh from the Word.

Mine is the sunlight,  
Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play;  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

### **And also with you.**

Christ is risen- Alleluia, alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The new Paschal Candle is brought.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,  
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*PRIEST:* Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We sing the Gloria together in celebration*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

*Collect Prayer for Easter Day*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28. 1-10)

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Sermon*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

*PRIEST:* Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia*

*Refrain:*

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Give thanks to the risen Lord*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth

He is the King of creation; *Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth

Jesus has died and has risen; *Refrain*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

.....for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

.....in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,

which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered**

**from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me  
and send your Holy Spirit  
that I may be filled with your presence.**

*Flute: Seek ye first x3*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And his righteousness;  
And all these things  
shall be added unto you.  
allelu, alleluia!

*Refrain*

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia,*

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto  
you.  
allelu, alleluia!  
*Refrain*

3. We shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds  
from the mouth of the Lord  
allelu, alleluia!  
*Refrain*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*FINAL HYMN: Jesus Christ is risen today*

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who so lately on the cross Alleluia!  
suffered to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2 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!

3 But the pain that he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; Alleluia!  
now exalted he is king, Alleluia!  
and the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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