



Eucharist for the Easter Season 2021

Order of Service THE **G**ATHERING

PresidentAlleluia, Christ is risenAllHe is risen indeed, Alleluia

All 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

Prayers of Penitence

A minister uses appropriate words as an invitation to confession ...

All 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

President 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

Gloria

All 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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

One or more passages from the Bible are read. At the end of each, the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God

Gospel ReadingWhen it is announcedAllGlory to you, O Lord

At the end the reader saysThis is the Gospel of the LordAllPraise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Creed

This is said, whilst muted, if at home and led by a minister in 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 response to, "Lord, in your mercy", is:Allhear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude with: Merciful Father...

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The president says an introduction which ends ...The peace of the Lord be always with youAlland also with you

When invited to share a sign of peace, please offer peaceful greetings and gestures to the whole gathered congregation or offer the peace at home.

Preparation of the Table

President Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
 All All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President All	The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.
President All	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
President All	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.
President	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, with choirs of angels
	and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise.
All	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.

President 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. Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the saviour of the world. President 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.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At home, we say this together, each at our own pace and in our preferred version or language, with our microphones open.

PresidentAs our Saviour taught us so we prayAllOur 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 saying:

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.

President Draw near with Faith, Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and that he lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood. that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

The president receives communion, offering authorised words of distribution.

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

The president and those in church receive communion. At home, we pray the prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All

O Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray that you would come spiritually to my soul. Come Lord Jesus, come and cleanse me, heal me, strengthen me, and unite me to yourself, now and for evermore. Amen

In church, music may be played, or hymns listened to, during the distribution.

After Communion

The post communion prayer (from the readings sheet) may be said privately at home but led by the president in church.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

 The President says a Blessing which ends ...
 ... and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
 All Amen

Minister	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All	In the name of Christ. Amen