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The Gathering

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.*

*'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
and with true affection
welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.*

*Now with the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strain
Jesu's resurrection.*

*Neither shall the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal.
But arisen 'midst thy friends
thou didst stand, bestowing
thy true peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.*

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayers of Penitence

The priest introduces the Prayers

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

God the Father,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gate of everlasting life.

All Amen.

God the Son,

who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,

whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All Amen.

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!

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Creator God,
who in the resurrection of Christ
have restored our life;
multiply in us the fruit of your saving work
and strengthen us in heart and body
with this food and drink from on high;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Notices

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins.
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.*

The Collect

Let us pray.
God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Acts 10.44-end*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

Please come up for communion or a blessing via the centre aisle, keeping an appropriate distance from the person in front of you returning to your place down the side aisles

During communion this will be played

*The Lord is ris'n indeed;
now is his work performed;
now is the mighty captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.*

*The Lord is ris'n indeed:
then hell has lost his prey;
with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.*

*The Lord is ris'n indeed:
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame be bore.*

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the 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.**

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 98.1-4*

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading *1 John 5.1-6*

A reading from the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'This is my commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another as I have loved you.'

All Alleluia.

Gospel Reading *John 15.9-17*

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 Mary mother of our Saviour, Francis,
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.

All Amen.

Christ is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever.
Therefore, the universe resounds with Easter joy,
and the choirs of angels sing the endless hymn of your glory :

**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.**

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.

The Creed

**All 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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

All and also with you.

The Offertory

The gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung;
Alleluia!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee,
Alleluia!*

Pray, beloved, that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and for the good of all
his holy Church.**

Let our prayers rise before you, O God,
as we come to your altar.

Purify us by your gracious presence
and fashion our lives

to be worthy of the praise we offer.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing your glory, Lord;

but we praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

He continues to offer himself for us, to plead our cause
before your throne.