

Mass for Easter Day 2020

The Service of Light

The priest carries in the unlit Easter Candle.

Priest Christ yesterday and today,
All the beginning and the end,

Five incense studs may then be inserted into the Candle, reminding us of the five wounds of Christ.

Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;

**All to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

Priest This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The priest lights the Easter Candle, saying

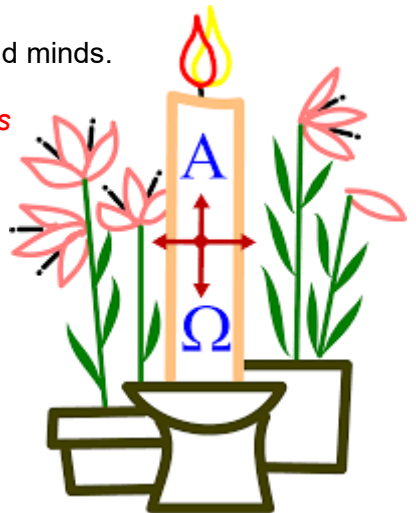
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The priest raises the Candle and says or sings

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet (*the Easter Song of Praise*)
may be said or sung by the priest





The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

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.

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.

The priest says the Absolution

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.

All Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis is said:

**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

Prayer for the Day - The Collect

Let us pray:

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31.1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be
the God of all the families of Israel,
and they shall be my people.
Thus says the LORD:
The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far
away.
I have loved you with an everlasting
love;
therefore I have continued my
faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be
built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry
makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when
sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those
assembled in the house of Cornelius.
‘I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, but in every nation anyone who
fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. You know the
message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is
Lord of all. That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John announced:
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power; how
he went about doing good and healing all
who were oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him. We are witnesses to
all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by
hanging him on a tree; but God raised
him on the third day and allowed him to
appear, not to all the people but to us
who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he
rose from the dead. He commanded us
to preach to the people and to testify that
he is the one ordained by God as judge
of the living and the dead. All the
prophets testify about him that everyone
who believes in him receives forgiveness
of sins through his name.’

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Lyra Davidica 1708

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last,
says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive
for evermore.

All Alleluia

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.

John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other

disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and say to them,
“I am ascending to my Father and your
Father, to my God and your God.”
Mary Magdalene went and announced
to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’;
and she told them that he had said
these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

**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

In joy and hope let us pray to the
Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with
the joy of his glorious and life-giving
resurrection ...

We pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good
news of Easter ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian
love ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those
who lack food, work, or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That by his power, war and famine
may cease through all the world ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his
presence to the sick, the weak and
the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of
the resurrection
may be raised on the last day ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the
Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful
witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to
life,
so his continual presence in us may raise
us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Peace *is introduced*

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn

*The table is prepared and bread and wine
are placed upon it.*

Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te Do-mi-num om-nes
gen-tes, al-le-lu-ia. Lau-da-te Do-mi-num, lau-da-te
Do-mi-num om-nes gen-tes al-le-lu-ia.

Preparation of the Table

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.
All Amen.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
All His Spirit is with us.
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 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:

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All 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 Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we say:

**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.**

Agnus Dei is said:

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion is received



Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post
Communion for the day:*

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of
our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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 Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal
covenant,
make you perfect in every good work
to do his will,
working in you that which is
well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting:

Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee,
glorious prince of life;
life is naught without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above:

Thine be the glory...

French, Edmund Budry (1854-1932)

tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Go in the the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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