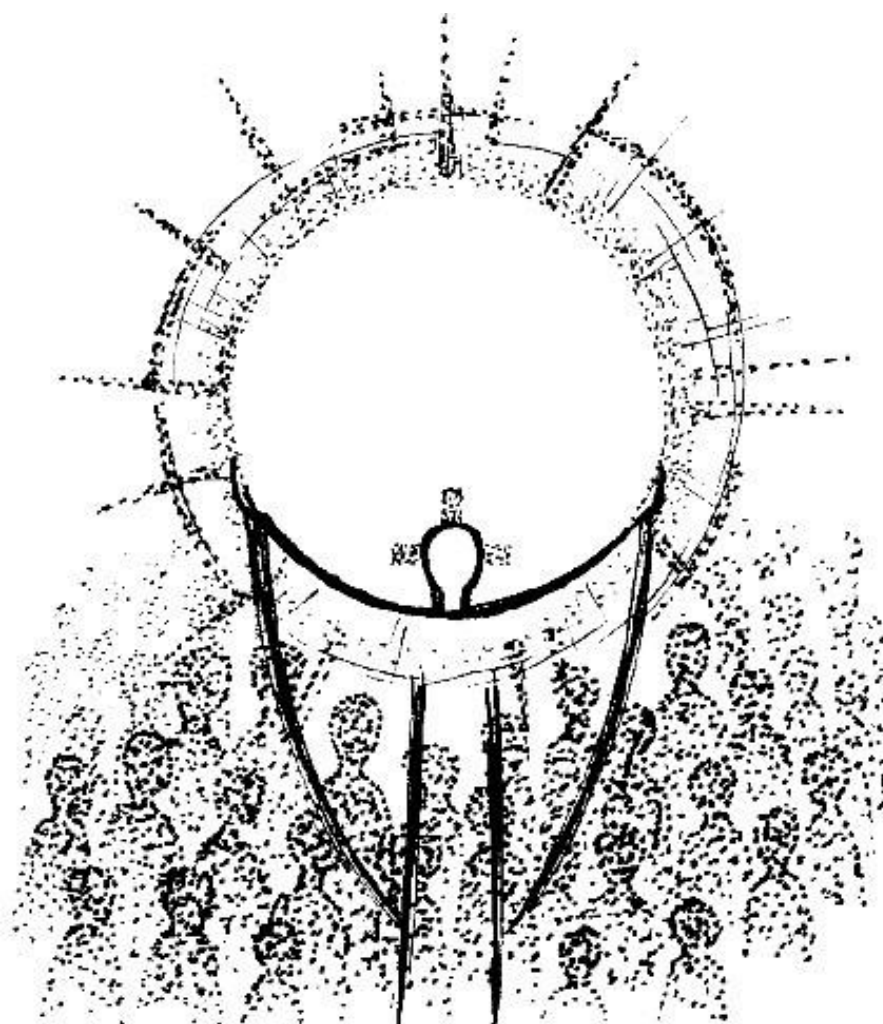




# The Dawn Eucharist With Easter Fire on Easter Day

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**ABOUT THIS SERVICE**

Welcome to **St Margaret's Lee** and to this Easter Eucharist.

Easter is the sacred celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the oldest and holiest Christian festival, the climax and centre of the liturgical year, and the holy day to which all other holy days point. Even denominations that do not strictly follow a liturgical calendar commemorate Easter with tremendous joy and thanksgiving.

The Easter season is the most joyful and festive season of the Christian year. Worship during this time features the prominent return of the *Gloria in Excelsis* ("Glory in the highest") and the *Alleluia* ("Praise the Lord"), expressions of joy and praise that were removed from the liturgy at the beginning of Lent. White, symbolic of gladness and holiness, is the liturgical colour for all the Sundays of Easter.



The paschal candle is an ancient symbol of the risen Jesus. It is a very large white candle, the largest and tallest of all sanctuary candles. Paschal candles are always inscribed with a cross, the current year, and the Greek letters alpha and omega, signifying that the Lord is present in His church now in the present year and forever in eternity. After the feast of the Ascension the paschal candle is removed from its place next to the altar and placed near the baptismal font. It is lit at baptisms to remind Christians that in baptism we are crucified and raised with Jesus). The paschal candle is also lit at Christian funerals as a reminder that those who die in Christ are raised up with Him.

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing at Holy Communion, please bow your head as a signal to the priest.*

**BCP 1662 DAWN EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY**

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*All assemble outside the west door, a fire having been lit.*

Eternal God, who made that most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: set us aflame with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Easter Candle is marked:*

Christ yesterday and today,

**All: The beginning and the end**

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.**

*The incense grains are inserted at this point.*

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. Amen.

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 with the taper, saying:*

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

*The Priest and the Deacon then enters the church, followed by the congregation. The Deacon leads the procession carrying the Easter Candle and sings:*

The light of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

*The acclamation is sung three times, the first from the entrance, the second from the aisle, and the third time at the chancel steps, when the Easter candle is placed in its stand by the Nave Altar.*

*The Priest faces the congregation and proclaims:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The candles of the congregation are lit

*The Priest or Deacon sings the EXULTET from the pulpit.*

Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

O universe, dance around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King is risen!

Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour, O Lord of life, shines upon you!

Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you

**All: and with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is meet and right so to do.**

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, Father Almighty, the unseen God, and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has saved us by his death, and paid the price of Adam's sin, and reconciled us once again to you.

For this was the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, was slain whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This was the night when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery, and leading her safely through the sea.

This was the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

This was the night that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.

Most blessed of all nights! Evil and hatred were put to flight and sin was washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred was cast out, peace and justice found a home, and heaven was joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering; and grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the Morning Star has risen in glory; Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us! Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world! Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

**All: Amen.**

**First Reading**  
**(Genesis 1. 1-5, 26-31, Genesis 2. 1-2)**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

**PSALM 46**

God is our refuge and strength,\*  
a very present help in trouble;

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,\*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

Though its waters rage and foam,\*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;\***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;\***  
**God shall help her at the break of day.**

The nations make much ado and the kingdoms are shaken;\*  
God has spoken and the earth shall melt away.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;\***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,\*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;\***  
**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear and burns the shields with fire.**

‘Be still, then, and know that I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.’

**The Lord of hosts is with us;\***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## Prayer

Almighty God, who spoke by the prophets that they might make your will and purpose known: inspire the guardians of your truth, that through the

faithful witness of the few, the children of earth may be made one with the saints in glory: by the power of Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone redeemed mankind and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Second Reading**  
**(Exodus 14. 10–31; Exodus 15. 20–21)**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites



went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

## Canticle

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

**The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;**

this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

**Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?**

**Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?**

In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed;

**you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

**you brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own  
possession,**

the place, O LORD, that you made your abode,  
the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hands have established.  
The LORD will reign forever and ever.

## Prayer

Lord God our redeemer who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Third Reading**  
**(Ezekiel 36. 24–28)**

The word of the LORD came to me: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Psalm 42 verses 1 - 7**

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,  
while all day long they say to me,

**‘Where now is your God?’**

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?**

and why are you so disquieted within me?

I pour out my soul when I think on these things:

**how I went with the multitude**

**and led them into the house of God,**

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who keep holy-day.

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?**

**and why are you so disquieted within me?**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?

and why are you so disquieted within me?

**Put your trust in God;**

**for I will yet give thanks to him,**

**who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

## **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Gloria**

**All: 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.**

## Epistle (Romans 6:3-11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Psalm 114

Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt,\*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary\*  
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled;\*  
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams,\*  
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?\*

O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams?\***  
**you little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,\*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water\*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. Alleluia!**

*All **stand** and face the Book of the Gospels.*

*The reader says the following acclamation to herald the 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 reader says

The Lord be with you

**All: and with thy spirit.**

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*.

**All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**(Mark 16:1-8)**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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Please **stand** and face the font

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the Paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Priest: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All: I reject them**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All: I renounce them**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All: I reject them**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All: I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All: I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All: I come to Christ.**

*The president stands before the water of baptism and says:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All: who keeps his promise for ever**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. Amen

**All: Saving God, give us life.**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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



Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name, keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

*The Priest shall sprinkle the congregation with water from the font.*

***Stand***

## The Peace

*The president introduces the Peace*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said Peace be with you, my peace I give you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**All: and with thy spirit. Alleluia.**

The deacon or president says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may then exchange a sign of peace.*

## Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, 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 which he endured, Alleluia,  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says*

The Lord be with you

**All: and thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection  
of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us,  
and hath taken away the sin of the world;  
who by his death hath destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the  
company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious  
name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

**All : Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Humble Access

**All: We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.**

## Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full,  
perfect and sufficient sacrifice,  
oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;  
and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,  
until his coming again:  
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee;  
and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,  
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;  
and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;  
and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,  
Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament,  
which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins:  
do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All: Amen.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The priest and people receive communion.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**

## Prayer after Communion

O Lord and heavenly Father,  
we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness  
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,  
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee,  
O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee;  
humbly beseeching thee, that all we,  
who are partakers of this holy communion,  
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,  
yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service;  
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father almighty, world without end.

**All: Amen.**

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

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 thro' Jordan to thy home above.

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

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
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.**

*The deacon says*

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

*Please join us in the Crypt for breakfast after the service.*

***Please do not take this order of service away.***