

EASTERTIDE EUCHARIST

Lighting of the Pascal Candle

President Christ yesterday and today,
All **the beginning and the end,**
President 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 Easter Candle may be marked at this point.

President 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.

A minister lights the Easter candle, saying

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

President The light of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn *Jesus Christ is risen today*

Prayers at the Easter Garden

The President blesses the Easter Gardens made by our members this week and shown on the screen

President The angel said to the women,
'Do not be afraid; I know that you are
looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has been raised,
as he said.' (Matthew 28.5, 6)

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
To you be glory now and for ever.
In your great mercy you have given us
a new birth into a living hope through the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
By your blessing, may we who have
prepared this garden in celebration of his
victory be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

All Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

President Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your Resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share
the good news with others.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Prayers of Penitence

President 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.

Silence is kept.

President Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail
to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Like Thomas in the upper room, we are
slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President 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 *Peruvian Gloria led by Jim*

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
All **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**
Cantor To him be glory forever.
All **To him be glory forever.**
Cantor Alleluia, amen.
All **Alleluia, amen.**
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
All **Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**
Cantor To him be glory forever.
All **To him be glory forever.**
Cantor Alleluia, amen.
All **Alleluia, amen.**
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
All **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**
Cantor To him be glory forever.
All **To him be glory forever.**
Cantor Alleluia, amen.
All **Alleluia, amen.**
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *read by Bennett*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading *read by Ally*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Love's redeeming work is done*

Gospel Reading *read by Miriam*

Reader: 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

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

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 round 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.

Reader: This is the gospel of the lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon *by Liz*

After the sermon, there is a short silence.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

President 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. In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in him. Therefore I ask:
Do you reject the devil
and all rebellion against God?

All **I reject them.**

President Do you renounce the deceit
and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

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

All **I repent of them.**

President Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

President Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

President Do you come to Christ, the Way,
the Truth and the Life?

All **I come to Christ.**

President May God, who has given you
the desire to follow Christ, give you
the strength to continue in the Way.

Prayer over the Water

President Praise God who made heaven and earth,

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

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

President Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.
We thank you that through the waters of the
Red Sea you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the promised land.
We thank you that through the deep waters
of death you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

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.
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.

All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

President 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.**

President 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.**

President 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. Amen.**

President Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship
in the household of faith with all
who have been baptized 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.**

President May Christ dwell in your hearts
through faith, that you may be rooted
and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
All **Amen.**

Intercessions *led by Rosie*

President In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

Prayers are offered for the Church of Christ; Creation, human society, the Sovereign, and those in authority; the local community; those who suffer; and the communion of saints. After each prayer ...

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
All **hear our prayer**
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

Please stand.

President 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 risen Christ
be always with you
All **and also with you. Alleluia.**

Offertory Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord*

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

President Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
and make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

President It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things
from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him you have freed us from
the slavery of sin, giving him to be born
of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us
a people for your own possession.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave
a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and *saying*:

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 Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example
and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President 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.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty Resurrection
and glorious Ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup we make
the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

President Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us
with your love, and unite us in the body
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

President Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and
heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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.
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

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

Prayer after Communion

President 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.

All: **Amen.**

Final Prayer

President We say together ...
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.**

Blessing and Sending Out

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

President God, who through the Resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

President Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn *Thine be the glory*