

# 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*