

# EASTER SUNDAY

## We celebrate the Risen Lord.

As we open, we remember that on the first Easter his followers believed him to be dead. They were sad and full of regret.

### Confession

Like Peter who denied you three times,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All Christ, have mercy.**

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

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Hymn [Jesus Christ is Risen Today](#)

### Collect

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. **Amen.**

### Gospel Reading

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### Talk

Song [He's Our Rescuer \(The Rend Collective\)](#)

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ;

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

*Prayers*

Hymn [Crown Him with Many Crowns](#)

*Holy Communion*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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.  
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**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
and resurrection,  
until he comes.**

### **After Communion**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. *Colossians 3 1-4*

*Hymn*

### **Blessing**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**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 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 peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ Amen.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Hymn [Thine be the Glory](#)**