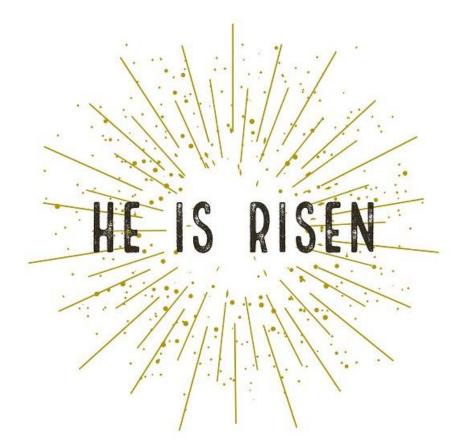


# Holy Communion



# Eastertide

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Notices and any banns of marriage are read.

Please stand to sing; the choir, servers and clergy enter.

Welcome

First Hymn

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit † **Amen.** 

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Introduction

Some words of welcome and introduction are given.

**Prayer of Preparation** 

Please sit or kneel.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

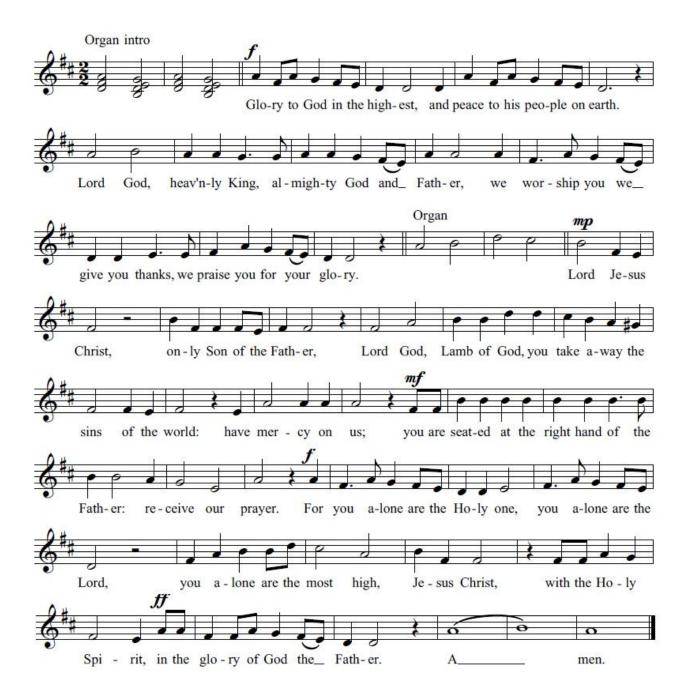
We Say Sorry

The deacon invites us to confess our sins:

Let us confess to God our Father, those things which we have done wrong:

Almighty God, we have sinned against heaven and against you, and are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself and raise us to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. 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. **Amen.** 

#### We Praise God



Please stand.

#### The Collect

We collect our prayers together in a special prayer for the day.

This is introduced with the words, 'Let us pray'.

At the end, we all say: **Amen.** 

#### Readings

Please be seated for the readings; at the end, the response is:

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Gospel Hymn**

Please stand and turn to face the gospel book as it is processed.

The Gospel

The choir sings the Alleluia, the congregation then repeats:



The deacon introduces the gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Then at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

We all sing again:



#### Sermon

Please be seated.

We Declare our Faith

Let us declare our faith in the risen Christ:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### We Pray for Others

Please sit or kneel; after each prayer, this or another response is used:

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Then, at the end:

Merciful Father. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. Please stand.

Christ is our peace; he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share in his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you, Alleluia!

The deacon says:

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

We all exchange a greeting of peace.

Hymn

Please stand to sing; the altar is prepared.

## We Celebrate

The Lord be with you **And also with you** 

Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord

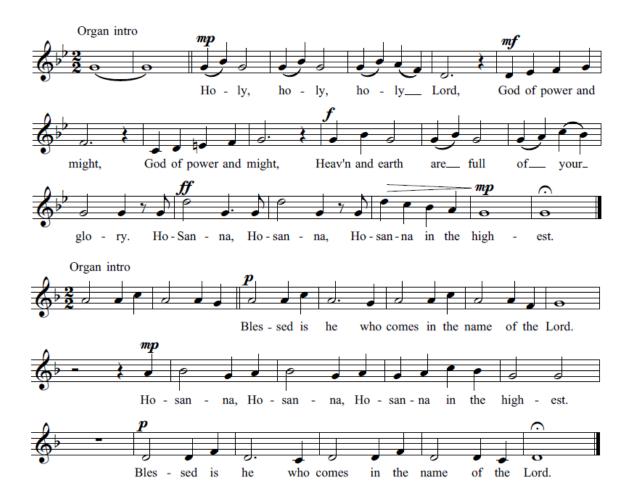
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **It is right to give thanks and praise** 

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And now we give you thanks because at his most glorious resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples and opened for us the gate of heaven, that where he is, we may be also.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:





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. The deacon proclaims:

Great is the mystery of faith:

#### Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

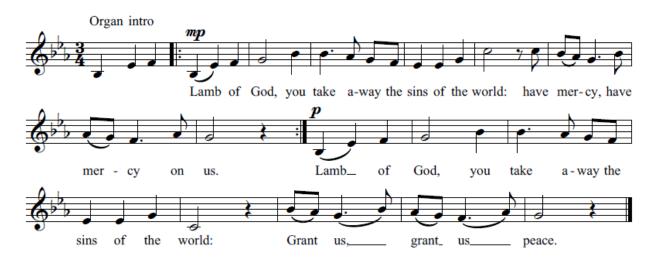
The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei



Meaning 'Lamb of God', we join with the song of heaven:

## Invitation to Communion

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia! Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

#### The Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

If you would rather receive a blessing, please keep your hands down and your head bowed.

The choir will sing an anthem.

#### We Give Thanks

We pray together the post communion prayer:

Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Please stand.

#### The **Blessing**

This or another blessing is given:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit † be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## We are Sent into the World

The deacon sends us out into the world:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia!

The choir, servers and clergy depart.

An organ voluntary is played.

Please feel free to get up and leave your seats at any time.

There is no collection taken during the service, but you can make an offering as you leave.

Every blessing for the Easter Season.

# Please come to the church cottages for refreshments.

Please leave this service booklet in the church.

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