

A Liturgy of the Word Easter Day

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Hymn

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, 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 heav'nly 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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Translator: Francis Pott (1861)

Call to Worship

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast.

**Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death no longer has dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death: by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning: is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Prayer

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through. Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep
for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread
and burst forth with resurrection light. Gracious God, we praise you
for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.

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We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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. Amen

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid:
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**

The Kyrie

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

The Penitence

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death,
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign
in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
For sin will have no dominion over you,
since you are not under law but under grace.

We confess together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word, and deed
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Absolution

May Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, look upon you with the same perfect love he had for those at the foot of his cross. Through his defeat of death and sin, may you be freed from all that hinders the love and grace of God in your life and, by God's infinite mercy, may you be pardoned and cleansed of all sin. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you transformed the tomb of death into the womb of new life: make us joyful witnesses of this good news that all creation may be redeemed, restored and reconciled; for you live and reign, in the unity of the blessed Trinity, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

The Sermon

The Revd Dave Edwards

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Dear Friends in Christ, today is the day of days for which we have been preparing during Lent. We have come to know the love of Christ for us. On Palm Sunday we went to Jerusalem with him. We followed him day by day until, on Good Friday, we stood at the foot of the Cross as he died for us in the fulness of his love. Today we rejoice in that great love. As we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection, we remember that, at our baptism,

we were buried with Christ and raised with him to newness of life.
Let us now show our thankfulness by renewing the solemn pledges
which were then made: to renounce the world, the flesh and the devil,
to believe the Christian faith,
and to keep God's holy will and commandments.

I ask you therefore:

Do you renounce the wickedness of the world, its greed for possessions, power and status?

Yes, I renounce them all

Do you renounce all that corrupts our human nature, pride, selfishness and lust?

Yes, I renounce them all

Do you renounce the devil, the author of all evil and the father of lies?

Yes, I renounce him

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, the maker of all?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, the redeemer of the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, the giver of life?

I believe and trust in him

This is the faith of the Church

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

Will you faithfully play your part in the life and fellowship of the Church?

With God's help I will

Will you gladly obey the commandments of God and seek to do his will?

With God's help I will

Will you by your life and witness share in the Church's mission to
proclaim the gospel, and to set forward peace and justice among all people?

With God's help I will

Almighty God who gives you the will to do all these things,
grant you also the power to perform them, that he may complete
the work which he has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

God our Father, on this Glorious Easter day, we come together to offer praise and adoration for Jesus – Jesus risen, alive, powerful and victorious, the salvation of the World. Lord without the resurrection of your Son, our faith would be empty and meaningless. But he is alive! And we rejoice in the knowledge that in Jesus, all that separates, injures or destroys has been overcome by Christ, who unites, heals and creates.

We pray for the worldwide Church, for this Diocese, and for the parish of St Michael's. We give you thanks for calling us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey his will. We think of your Church today celebrating in clusters and crowds all over the world. Our language, race and nationalities may be different but our worship is one and our praise for you is united.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray that your spirit may guide and strengthen us in mission and service to you to our community and to the world outside. In whatever way we can contribute, we pray that day by day we may draw closer to you, experiencing your infinite love for us.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, on this special day grant us peace in your world for countries disrupted by war, famine or natural disaster. We pray for all who seek to bring peace to a troubled world and for all aid and relief workers around the world and we ask that you will keep them safe until they return home to their families and those they love.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for those living in our own country in areas of deprivation where high unemployment and crime levels make daily living an uphill challenge.

May all who struggle know somehow that you are with them in their suffering and that you will follow them step by

step down whichever road they choose to take.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord we pray for ourselves, you know the needs of human life. As we seek to live our lives according to your example, help us overcome hasty speech that hurts others, free us from greed and selfishness, from pride and jealousy that spoils life. Help us to curb our tempers, to be free from wanting our own way. Let your presence help us to care about the feelings of others, to be gentle and ready to say we are sorry. You know us Lord – bring out the best in us so that our lives may reflect you in our world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord we pray for those in your world who are in need and ask you to look with pity on all who suffer. We pray that you would heal their infirmities. For the lonely, that in you they would discover the perfect friend; for the bereaved, that in the midst of their unmeasurable loss they would know the depths of your love. We remember before God all those who have died. You turn our darkness into light and in your light shall we see light.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Ever-living God help us now to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of Jesus and to express in our lives the love he has for us. May you accept these prayers for the sake of you son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Prayer for Offering

Lord God, you loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. Bless now the gifts we offer in gratitude for your life-saving grace which you lavish upon us, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven

hallowed be your Name

your kingdom come

your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Final Hymn

**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.**

Refrain:

**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:**

[Refrain]

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 through Jordan to thy home above:
[Refrain]

Author: Edmond Budry (1854-1932)

Final Blessing

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

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

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you this Easter and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

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