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# EASTER DAY Holy Communion

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### Welcome to worship this Easter Day

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

The service is introduced

The Paschal candle is lit

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death. Christ is our light! A light no darkness can overcome. The light of Christ has come into the world, to shine upon us, and to guide our feet on the path of peace, Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen in deed. Alleluia!

THE SYMBOLS OF THE RESURRECTION

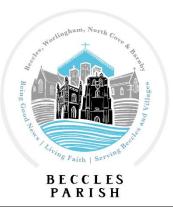
### Confession

The risen Jesus reached out to his disciples with wounded hands to bring to them pardon and peace. Let us confess our sins to God, that through those same wounds, we may know his pardon and live in his peace.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution





The Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

*The Collect Junior Church leave for their activities* 

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Readings

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God** 

### Gospel Reading

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. *Revelation 1.17,18* **Alleluia.** 

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

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

#### Sermon



## **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

At the font a prayer of blessing is prayed over the water As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise to a new life. So now let us renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our commitment to follow Christ, our risen Lord.



Therefore I ask these questions: Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ. Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins. Do you renounce evil? I renounce evil.

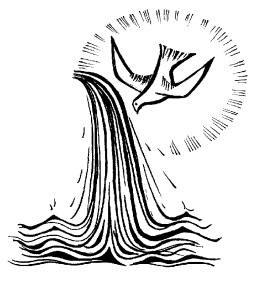
So let us affirm together our shared faith in Jesus Christ:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **We believe and trust in him.** 

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again? **We believe and trust in him.** 

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Jesus known in the world? **We 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. Amen



Prayers of Intercession

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



#### We stand for the Peace

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 Lord be always with you.

#### And also with you.

### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Father, by your Holy Spirit you keep the Church in unity and truth. As we break bread together, may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell



and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

#### 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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

### This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

### This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

### This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**  Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's prayer: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray **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.

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.** 

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace. God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Spiritual Communion 'Spiritual Communion' is a historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically. It is possible because Communion is always a spiritual practice and not simply physical. Through God's grace, whilst we cannot receive the bread and wine, we can still receive the sacrament in our hearts, and share in communion with Jesus. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere who cannot receive the bread and wine at this time. The following prayer is one form of words to use for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

We receive Communion

The Post Communion Prayer is said

Prayer after Communion Lord, we have broken your bread. We have drunk your cup. We have received your life. Fill us with your Spirit of love and make us one in heart and mind,

#### in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Parish Notices are given.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

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



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