

SERVICE FOR EASTER DAY 2020

All Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
He has given us new life and hope!
He has raised Jesus from the dead!

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BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDENS

All: The Lord be with you.
And also with you

All : **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**

God shows his love for us in that when we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All : **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you;
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Absolution

All: **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

THE READINGS AND GOSPEL

THOUGHT FOR EASTER

**All: We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. And in his name I say, The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: and also with you *[Euch Pr E]*

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.

All: His spirit is with us. All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right

..... sing for ever the hymn of glory

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father...
.....until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life

.....all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

**All: 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**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen,**

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*[Priest receives bread and wine
on behalf of congregation]*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
.....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 peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen