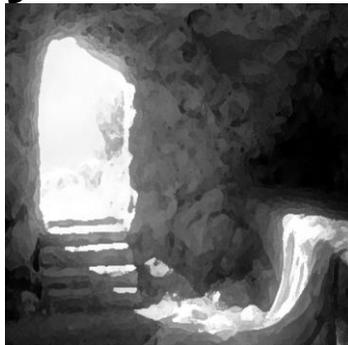




Service of Holy Communion



Easter to Pentecost

Welcome!

Welcome, we are very glad you have come along, and if this is your first time, we hope you will soon feel at home here.

Easter celebrates Christ's rising from the dead to open a way for us back to God. It is a season marked by joy as we celebrate the new life we can enjoy now and eternal life to come.

It culminates with the day of Pentecost when we remember the coming of God's Holy Spirit who lives within all who believe.

Easter Sunday Only –

We meet outside

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed alleluia.

We follow the candle into the church as we sing our first hymn

Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Hymn

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Opening Prayer

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.

Prayer for Forgiveness (please sit)

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”.

(1 John 1:8-9)

A time for reflection

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but shall
have eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commands
and to live in love and peace with all.

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.**

The minister declares words of forgiveness

Gloria in Excelsis

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.**

Collect for the week

A short period of silent prayer followed by the Collect for the Week

The Liturgy of the Word
(Please sit)

The Old Testament reading (if used)
at the end This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The New Testament reading
at the end This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Sermon or Talk

Our Faith

Let us declare our faith in God
All **We believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.
We believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.
We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

This is the faith of the Church
All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Our Prayers for Others *(please sit)*

Leader Lord, in your mercy or Lord hear us.
All **hear our prayer.** **Lord graciously hear us**
after each petition

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

The Peace *(please stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you as a sign of our unity in Christ.

Offertory Hymn
During this hymn our offering is received

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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.**

Lord, we 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.

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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest.**

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be for
us the body and blood of your dear Son.
Form us in the likeness of Christ, through whom 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 *(please sit)*

All 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
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts are hungry for you.
Give us this bread always.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

Final Prayer

All **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

The Blessing

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

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