

An Order for Common Worship Communion
Easter Season

Alleluia, Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

This the last Sunday in the Easter season, last Thursday was Ascension Day, when Jesus was taken up to heaven and was no longer bodily present with his disciples. They are waiting back in Jerusalem for further orders. Our service will reflect a time of waiting and preparation.

Hymn: Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Confession.

**All: Holy God,
we confess to you before the company
of the faithful in heaven and on earth.
that we have sinned against you,
against one another
and against your creation.
Forgive us in your mercy,
help us to forgive each other
and to hold in reverence all that you have made.
Amen**

Risen ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father
Amen

A prayer for Ascensiontide.

**O God the King of Glory,
You have exalted your only son Jesus Christ
With great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:**

We beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
But send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
And exalt us to the place where the Lord Jesus Christ is gone before,

Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn: Nada ta turbe

Reading: Acts 1.6-14

Hymn: Give me joy in my heart

Reading: John 17.1-11

Talk

Let us declare our faith in God

**All: 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.**

Our prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
All 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.

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a promise of what is to come,
has given us the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

Hymn : Rejoice, the Lord is king

Dedication of collection

Almighty and most merciful God,
out of the fullness of your gifts
we bring before you this bread and this wine,
our gifts and our lives.
Blessed be your holy name forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Celebration of Communion

Let us celebrate this joyful feast.
People will come from east and west and north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Hear the narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper as it
is recorded by St Paul.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took

a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Thanksgiving Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

We offer you thanks, Creator, Saviour, Giver of Life.
From the beginning you have made yourself known:
the heavens proclaim your glory and the earth sings your praise.
In wisdom you made all that is
and you bless us with earth's fruitfulness.
You are merciful and gracious, and abounding in love.
Yet from our first days we have disobeyed your will.
Long ago you called to yourself a people
to shine as light to guide all nations to your presence.
You led them to freedom;
you revealed to them your Law
and taught them through your prophets.
Finally you sent your promised Son, Jesus Christ,
who shared our human nature and understood our weakness.
Born of Mary, he showed forth your love by word and sign.
Therefore with all your people in heaven and on earth
we sing the triumphant hymn of your 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.
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Come, Creator God: renew the face of the earth;
come, eternal Saviour: remake us in your likeness;
come, Holy Spirit, transform these gifts:
that Christ may be known to us in the breaking of the bread
and that we may be strengthened to serve him in the world.
May we on earth be one with all Christ's people,
and, when all things are complete,
be raised up to be with him,
and with all your faithful servants in the heavenly places,
the homeland which we seek by faith,
and where he reigns in glory,
with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. Amen.

The bread which we break is the communion of the
body of Christ.
The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion
of the blood of Christ.

We share the bread and wine.

Hymn during Communion : Break Thou the bread of life

Thanksgiving Prayer

**All: We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

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Hymn: At the name of Jesus

Blessing

The peace of God
which is beyond all understanding,
guard your hearts and your thoughts in Jesus Christ.
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ and Comforter,
be with you, now and always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the name of Christ. Amen