

An Order for Common Worship Communion

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Welcome

Lighting the Peace candle and other candles

Hymn: Christ is our cornerstone

Confession.

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

Pardon

The Lord says: See, I am making all things new. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. Through him your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord also says: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Collect for the fourth Sunday of Easter

{Children's Talk, about Mary Magdalen meeting Jesus in the garden. My God is so strong. (Picture Book)}

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

Reading: Acts 4.5-12

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

Reading: John 10. 11-18

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.

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, And 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 : O let the Son of God enfold you.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer- The bread and wine is blessed

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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: 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.

He sought the unloved and the lost and welcomed all who came to him; he taught us lessons of forgiveness he brought us healing for our sickness, and showed us how to live according to your will. For this he was rejected, for this he endured grief and sorrow, for this he gave himself up to death upon the Cross. But you broke the power of sin and death and raised him to the heights, that through the blood of his Cross and by the gift of the Holy Spirit everything in earth and heaven might be reconciled to you.

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 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 come forward to share the bread and wine.

Hymns: Jesus the Lord said I am the bread.

Thanksgiving Prayer

God of a love stronger than death, you have given us new birth into a living hope through the gift of your Son. God with us, like a mother you have fed us with yourself and strengthened us for journeying ahead. God of truth and power, you take our weakness and our sin and refashion us by grace. Gracious God, may the love which bids us welcome at this table gather all your children into one, in your eternal presence, whole and free at last.

Amen

[Children's news? Notices]

Hymn: Thine be the Glory

Blessing

Go out into the world with the food of your pilgrimage in peace and gladness.

Thanks be to God for his gift beyond words.

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!