

Liturgy for Easter Day

Rubric

Readings- The readings for each year is different as indicated in the lectionary. The psalm reading can be changed.

Hymns – Singing congregational hymns that are familiar to all.

Introductory Sentence

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week they came to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. Alleluia! Mark 16:2

Processional Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (any other appropriate songs)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Celebrant: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Celebrant: I was glad when they said to me:

All: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Celebrant: Praise the Lord:

All: The name of the Lord be praised.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

ALL: Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Amen.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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, Amen.**

COLLECT FOR EASTER

All: ***Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.***

Pause

All: ***Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech you that, by your special grace going before us, you put into our minds good desires, so by your continued help we may bring them to good effect through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 25:6-9**

6 On this mountain will prepare
feast rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
best of meats and the finest of wines.
7 this mountain he will destroy
the shroud enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
8 will swallow up death.
The Sovereign wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.
In that day will say, "Surely this is our God;
we trusted him, and he saved.
This is the, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice be glad in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm Reading: **Psalm 118** *(or any other psalm as indicated in lectionary)*

Cantor: ALLELUIA, *(using the Taize tune)*
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad forever ALLELUIA!
All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
His mercy endures for ever ALLELUIA!
All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: The right hand of the Lord does mighty things
the right hand of the Lord raises up ALLELUIA!
All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: I shall not die, but live
and proclaim the works of the Lord ALLELUIA!
All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: The stone that the builders rejected:
have become the head of the corner ALLELUIA!
All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvelous in our eyes ALLELUIA!

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: You are my God and I will praise you.
You are my God and I will acclaim you ALLELUIA!

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
His mercy endures for ever ALLELUIA!

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Cantor: ALLELUIA

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

New Testament Reading: **Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Sing Hallelujah to The Lord (any other appropriate songs)

Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus said to them,
'I am the first and the last' says the Lord,
'and the living one; I was dead,
and behold I am alive for evermore.'

ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading: **John 20:1-18**

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON -

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All: With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

(The Nicene Creed may be added here)

INTERCESSION

Father we praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. Shed his glorious light on all Christian people that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Lord, hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for those who at this season are receiving in baptism your Son's new life by water and the Spirit. Dying with Christ, may they know the power of his resurrection.

Lord, hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all whom we know and love, both near and far. May their eyes be opened to see the glory of the risen Lord.

Lord, hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for those who suffer pain and anguish.

Grant them the faith to reach out towards the

healing wounds of Christ and be filled with his peace.

Lord, hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

Remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection.
Unite us with them in your undying love.

Lord, hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

Join our voices, we pray, Lord our God, to the songs of all your saints in
proclaiming that you give us the
victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

CONFESSION

Celebrant:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins to be
our advocate in heaven, and bring us to eternal life. Hear the words of challenge and
comfort: let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace with all men.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
And doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Lord, hear us and help us.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Celebrant: 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 Lord is risen

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of peace. And all exchange the sign of peace, greeting one another with these words:

The Lord is risen

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Offertory Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to The Risen Lord

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Celebrant: Eternal God You caused the grain to grow and from it you have made this Bread; we offer it to you that it may become for us the Bread of Life grant that we who shall receive it may be united in the bond of love.

All: Blessed be God forever

Celebrant: God Almighty accept this Wine we have made from your gifts may it become our spiritual drink; that whoever shall receive it may be refreshed and renewed for your service.

All: Blessed be God forever

Celebrant: Pray brothers and sisters that our sacrifice of thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

All: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(this follows the African liturgy)*

All stand.

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

All: Yes He is, Alleluia

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

All: Yes He is, Alleluia

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

All: Yes He is, Alleluia

Celebrant: This is our God:

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: We are his people:

All: We are redeemed.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right (follow the prayer book)
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever 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.**

Celebrant: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
Grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit and
according to your holy will these your gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Who in the same night that he was betrayed,
Took bread and gave you thanks;
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take and eat this is my body which is given
for you;
Do this in remembrance of me
Likewise after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks and gave it them
saying,
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.

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted this offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

All: Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

All: The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah!
Through him with him and in him (follow the prayer book)

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by 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.**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share in one bread.**

**All: We do not presume
to come to this your table merciful Lord
trusting in our own righteousness**

**but in your manifold and great mercies
We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs
under your table
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy
Grant us therefore Gracious Lord
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son
Jesus Christ and to drink his blood
that we may ever more dwell in Him
and He in us. Amen**

Agnus Dei: **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen, Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.

Post Communion Sentence

Celebrant: God of Life,
who for our redemption gave
your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION

All: God of life who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of sin of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presentation (different ministries may make their presentations)

BLESSING

Presider: Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia.**

Thanksgiving Hymn: Because He Lives (any other appropriate song)