

A Mid-Morning Eucharist on Easter Day

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† *If there are any candidates for baptism, the Liturgy of Initiation from the Easter Liturgy is used (see Common Worship: Times and Seasons, pages 341–347).*

The Gathering may be replaced by

¶ The Service of Light on Easter Morning (page 412)

[Marking of the Easter Candle]
The Lighting of the Easter Candle
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or

¶ Welcoming the Easter Candle into the Church,
with Prayers at the Easter Garden (page 414)

Welcoming the Easter Candle
Prayers at the Easter Garden
Prayers of Penitence
The Lighting of Candles
Acclamation
Gloria in Excelsis, Easter Anthems or
Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
The Collect

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If the Easter Liturgy has not been celebrated, the service may begin with the Service of Light, using the order on pages 412–413.

If the Easter Liturgy has already been celebrated, either in the church concerned or elsewhere, the Easter Candle may be welcomed at the beginning of this service using the order on pages 414–415.

The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung.

The service may begin at the Easter Garden.

The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president may repeat the acclamation, getting louder each time.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers at the Easter Garden

If there are no prayers at the Easter Garden, the service continues with the Prayers of Penitence.

A reader says

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.' *Matthew 28.5, 6*

The president says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
To you be glory now and for ever.
In your great mercy you have given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
By your blessing,
may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory
 be strengthened in faith,
 know the power of his presence,
 and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Various actions may be performed: for example, a stone may be rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, a light in the tomb may be lit; or figures may be placed inside the empty tomb.

The president may say this prayer

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The Prayers of Penitence may take place at the Easter Garden.

A minister uses this Invitation to Confession or other suitable words

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

*Or another authorized form of confession may be used (for example,
page 189).*

*The president uses this or another authorized absolution (for example,
page 190)*

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from your sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*If the Prayers of Penitence have taken place at the Easter Garden, the
ministers move from there to the place where the Liturgy of the Word
is celebrated.*

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.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

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.

All **Amen.**

(or)

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm or canticle follows the first reading; other hymns and songs may be used between the readings. For the Easter Anthems, see pages 422–423.

Gospel Reading

Either of these acclamations may herald the Gospel reading

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All **Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

All **Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All **Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

(or)

Alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

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

Following the sermon, an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed (page 193 and Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, pages 139–140) may be used, or the congregation may be invited to renew their baptismal vows.

If there are candidates for baptism, the Liturgy of Initiation from the Easter Liturgy is used (see pages 261–270).

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The ministers gather at the font and the people turn to face it. The Easter Candle may lead the procession and a canticle, psalm, hymn or litany may be used (see pages 419–423).

The president addresses the congregation

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All **I come to Christ.**

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

Prayer over the Water

If the Liturgy of Initiation has not been celebrated at the Easter Liturgy, the president stands before the water of baptism and says or sings (a responsive form is provided on pages 264–265)

For music, see pages 379–381.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the promised land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith,
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymns or songs may be sung as the waters of baptism are sprinkled over the people. Alternatively, each member of the congregation may be invited to renew their commitment to Christ by going to the water and making the sign of the cross with it on their forehead.

The president says

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

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 ministers return to their places after the Renewal of Baptismal Vows
or at the Preparation of the Table.*

Prayers of Intercession

The following form may be used.

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us [and ...] with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day ...
we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The president says

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.

All Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words

Christ is risen.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

One of these prayers may be said

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

(or)

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
and make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president uses one of the authorized Eucharistic Prayers (pages 204–225). For music, see pages 470–487.

One of the following Proper Prefaces may be used where appropriate. For music, see pages 494–496.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and on this day of our redemption
to 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.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

(or)

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

(or)

And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven ...**

(or)

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

(or)

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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Prayer of Humble Access may be used (page 201).

The president and people receive communion.

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

The Common Worship provision is followed for consecration of additional bread and wine, and for disposing of what remains (pages 227–202).

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

This Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said

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.

All **Amen.**

All may say one of these prayers

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.**

(or)

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The president says one of the following

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

(or)

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

(or)

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

*If baptism has been administered, the president or another person may
give each of the newly baptized a lighted candle, lit from the Easter Candle
(see page 307).*

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The following chant may be used



All Thanks be to God. Al-le-lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(or)

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The ministers and people depart.