



St John the Divine, Merton

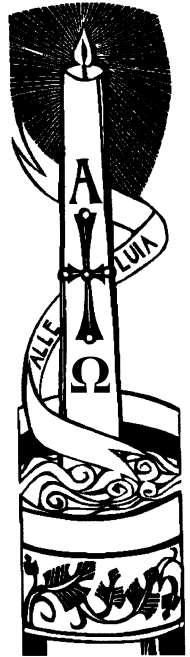
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# The Eucharist

during

# Easter Season

***Alleluia Christ is Risen!***



*The Eucharist is at the heart of all that we do as Christians. The word 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving'. The pinnacle of the service is the great Thanksgiving Prayer, where we recall the mighty acts of God, and the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross; the giving of his body and blood for us all.*

*We come together as a community time after time, to engage with the act of love which Jesus shows to us all on the cross through the reading of scripture, the hearing of the Good News of our Lord's Gospel, and the words of our Lord and Saviour at the Last Supper.*

*We hope you will be able to feel the presence of God during this service, and receive the love of God and bring it to all people.*

*Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive communion with us, if you would prefer a blessing instead please bring this booklet to the altar rail with you.*

*Please keep a time of quiet five minutes before the start service*

*Please stand*

**Hymn**

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

**Amen.**

**The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

**Welcome and Introduction**

*Please kneel or sit*

**Prayers of Penitence**

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.

**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.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

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

**Lord, hear us and help us**

May almighty God have mercy upon you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **The Gloria**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,  
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,  
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,  
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

## **The Collect**

*The Collect is said, and all respond*  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **First Reading**

*At the end of the reading:*

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia.**  
He has defeated the powers of death. **Alleluia.**  
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **Alleluia.**  
He has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

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

## **Sermon**

*Please stand*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**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.**

*Please kneel or sit*

## **Prayers of intercession**

*At the end of each petition:*

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers**  
**For the sake of your Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand*

### The Peace

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  
*John 20.19, 20*

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

### Hymn

### Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world. **Amen**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter 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 forever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with *[N and]* all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A time of quiet is kept.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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 now and forever. Amen.**



## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

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

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**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.**

## **The Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

*We warmly invite everyone to come to the altar rail at the time of communion. All who are communicants in any Christian church are welcome to receive communion. If you do not receive communion, please keep your head bowed for a blessing.*

**Hymn**

## Prayer after Communion

*Followed by:*

**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.**

## Notices

*Please stand*

## The Blessing

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

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

**Amen**

**Hymn**

**Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God Alleluia Alleluia**

*Refreshments are served after this service and everyone is welcome.*

*If you are new or visiting please stay and say hello.*

*Please leave this booklet in church*

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