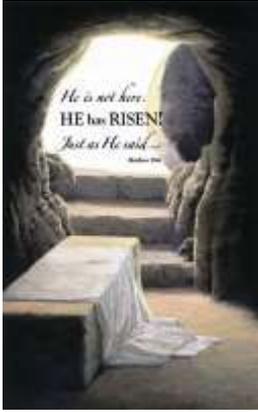




# HOLY COMMUNION (Eastertide)

## Common Worship



Welcome to this historic church of St Peter's where God has been worshipped for over 900 years. If you are visiting us or are new to the church we extend a warm welcome and pray that this communion service may draw you closer to the love of God our Heavenly Father as we worship Him together.

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Church Centre across the road.

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Leader** The Lord be with you  
**All** And also with you.

**Leader** Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### Hymn

### Notices

### Banns

*The Easter Candle is lit*

**All** We light this candle for the risen Lord who leads us into the fullness of God's Kingdom and gives us eternal life.



### Prayer for Children who leave for St Peter's Rocks

**All** We have come from different places, been on different journeys; but we have all chosen the path to be here today. So let us sing with one heart, and listen to the Scriptures with one longing: to know Christ more deeply and to be his disciples.  
**Amen**

Child We worship with Christians near and far,  
old and young; and we leave this Bible with you to  
remind you of the warmth of God's love, the guiding  
light of Christ, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bible is placed on the Lord's Table or the Lectern*

Child Please pray for us, as we shall pray for you.

**All Lord God, fill our hearts with love and light,  
that in all we do, we may glorify God's holy name.**

### Confession

Leader 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.**

Leader 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.**

Leader 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 *(The priest proclaims God's forgiveness)*

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

**All Amen.**

Leader Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Leader Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy,

**All and in our song will we praise God.**

## The Gloria

**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 mercy.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
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.**

Collect    *Silence as the special prayer for the day is said.*

**All**        **Amen**

## *THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

*At the end of the first reading:*

**Leader**    **This is the word of the Lord.**

**All**        **Thanks be to God.**



## Hymn

*Remain standing for the Gospel*

**Reader**    **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.**

**Reader**    **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...**

**All**        **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise be to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *(Please stand)*

Leader Let us affirm our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel)*

*Prayers are offered for the world, the Church and its mission, for the local community and for those in any kind of need.*

*This response may be used*

Leader Lord in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer.**



*At the end*

Leader Merciful Father

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT*

Peace *(Please stand)*

Leader The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'.  
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

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

*You may exchange a sign of peace with those nearest to you*

Hymn *The Lord's Table is prepared during this hymn*

Offering *The offering goes towards the ministry of St Peter's.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Leader Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you  
our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of  
heaven may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.

**All Amen.**

Leader The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader 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 for ever the 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.**

*Please sit or kneel*

**Leader** We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All** **Lord by your cross and resurrection,  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

**Leader** Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms and  
bring us with all the saints to feast at  
your table in heaven.



Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever.

**All**        **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

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

### Breaking the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

Leader    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.**

### Agnus Dei

**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 your peace.**

### Prayer of Humble Access (*may be said*)

**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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

**Leader** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Receiving communion (The children may return from St Peter's Rocks).*

*You are welcome to come forward when indicated by the sidespeople to receive communion, if that is your usual practice, or for prayer of blessing. If coming for a blessing, please keep your hands behind your back.*

*Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies Amen.*

### Prayer after Communion

*The priest may say a prayer after communion, then we say together...*

**All** **God of our salvation, you have restored us to life,  
you have brought us back again into your love  
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.  
Continue to heal us, as we go out to live and work in  
the power of your spirit, to your praise and glory. Amen**

### Hymn

The Blessing *(Please stand for God's blessing)*

**Leader** God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; *and the blessing ...*

**All** **Amen.**

**Leader** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All** **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*You are warmly invited back to the  
Church Centre for refreshments.*



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