



Parish of
St Peter Woking
St Peter's · St Mark's · All Souls'



EASTER ALL-AGE COMMUNION B COMMON WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Paschal Candle is brought to the front of the church. The leader explains why this is happening. The person bringing in the candle puts it on its stand, then says...

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Leader	What's that you say?
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	But he was dead!
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	Nailed to a cross
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	Laid in a grave
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	Dead for three days
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	Now he's alive?
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	Death overcome?
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	Hope for us all!
All	Jesus is risen!
Leader	Shout with one voice:
All	Jesus is risen! Alleluia!



Hymn

After this hymn, the children are invited to gather at the Easter garden as the following passage is read.

The angel said to the women: "...He is not here; he has risen just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: he has risen from the dead... Now I have told you." (Matthew 28.6, 7).

Prayer (at the Easter Garden with the children)

Leader 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, renew our hope and our joy and help us to share this good news with others.

All Amen.

Confession

Leader Lord Jesus we are sorry for the wrong things we have done.
Thank you that you died on the cross...

All So that I can be forgiven

Leader Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the wrong things we have looked at...

All Father, forgive us

Leader Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the wrong things we have listened to...

All Father, forgive us

Leader Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the wrong things we have thought...

All Father, forgive us

Leader Lord Jesus, we are sorry for not loving and serving you as we should...

All Father, forgive us

Absolution

Leader 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.

Gloria in Excelsis *(may be said or sung)*

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 *(Prayer for the day)*

Leader **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.
Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the end of the first reading:

Reader **This is the word of the Lord
All** **Thanks be to God**

When the gospel is announced:

Reader **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
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All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the gospel:

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

Hymn

Sermon



Affirmation of faith *(Please stand)*

Leader Let us declare 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)*

This response may be used

Leader Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

And 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 were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you

You may exchange a sign of peace with your neighbours

Hymn *During the hymn the table is prepared*

Offering *The offering goes towards the ministry of the church*

Eucharistic Prayer

The children are invited to gather around the altar to participate in this prayer, asking questions as below.

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.**

Children: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
All **Listen and we will hear**

Leader Lord of all life,
 You created the universe
 where all living things reflect your glory.
 You give us this great and beautiful earth,
 to discover and to cherish.

 You give us friends and families,
 busy streets for young and old,
 the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come.

 You made us all, each wonderfully different,
 to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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.

(Please sit or kneel)

Leader We thank you, loving Father,
 because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
 He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
 Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
 may be for us Christ's body and his blood.



Children: Why do we share this bread and wine?

All Listen, and we will hear.

Leader On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Children: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

All Listen, and we will hear.

Leader Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and forever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Leader 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 for ever. Amen.**



Breaking of the Bread

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.

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 Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Receiving Communion

You are welcome to come forward when indicated to receive Communion, if that is your usual habit, or for a prayer of Blessing. If coming forward for a Blessing please keep your hands behind your back.

Prayer after Communion

A post-communion prayer may be said, followed by:

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.

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

Hymn

Blessing *(This or another blessing may be said)*

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

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

 God the Holy Spirit,
 who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
 empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

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

All Amen.

Leader He is not here, he is risen.
 Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

