

Greeting

Christ is Risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,

**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 271.

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!

our triumphant holy day, alleluia!

who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!

suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,

unto Christ, our heavenly King,

who endured the cross and grave,

sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains which he endured,

our salvation have procured;

now above the sky he's King,

where the angels ever sing.

Confession and Absolution

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Glory to God *page 203*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 of the First Sunday of Easter

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also

through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Acclamation

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. **Alleluia.**

Gospel John 20:1–18

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 20 beginning at verse 1 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

Hymn 107.

1 One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
dwelt among us, my example is he!

*Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me;
buried, he carried my sins far away;
rising, he justified freely, forever;
one day he's coming: O glorious day!*

2 One day they led him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!

3 One day they left him alone in the garden,
one day he rested, from suffering free;
angels came down o'er his tomb to keep vigil;
hope of the hopeless, my Saviour is he!

4 One day the grave could conceal him no longer,
one day the stone rolled away from the door;
then he arose, over death he had conquered,
now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

5 One day the trumpet will sound for his coming,
one day the skies with his glory will shine;
wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
glorious Saviour, this Jesus is mine!

Sermon

Nicene Creed *page 205*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

We pray to the Father. Hear our prayer.

The Peace

**The Peace of the Lord be always with you and also
with you**

Taking the Bread & Wine and Great Thanksgiving

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

.. and we look for his coming to fulfil all things
according to your will.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

.. we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of
never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 424

Jesus stand among us

At the meeting of our lives;

Be our sweet agreement

At the meeting of our eyes.

*O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.*

So to You we're gathering
Out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands.

*O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.*

Jesus, stand among us
At the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body
As we worship You, our Head.

*O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.*

Breaking Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation and Receiving Communion

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of 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.

Hymn 288.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy
deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Blessing and Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!