

6. THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE *(stand)*

*Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you for the mystery of Easter.
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the Resurrection
and show your glory to all the world.*

All our problems, we send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties, we send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works, we send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes, we set on the Risen Christ.

*May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
equip us with everything good that we may do his will,
to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final hymn

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A SERVICE OF
MORNING or EVENING
PRAYER
FOR THE EASTER SEASON

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1. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME (stand)

Opening hymn

This is the day the Lord has made:

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia !

He is risen indeed. Alleluia !

Sentence of scripture.

Prayer of preparation:

***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.***

The Gloria:

***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.***

Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.***

*We praise and thank you, O God our Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Through him you have enlightened us
by revealing the light that never fades,
for dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.*

*What was promised is fulfilled: we now have been joined to God,
through renewed life in the Spirit of the risen Lord.*

***Glory and praise to you, our Father,
through Jesus your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit,
in the kingdom of light eternal, for ever and ever. Amen***

4. THE GREETING OF PEACE & OFFERING (stand)

We are the Body of Christ :

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you :

And also with you

Sharing of the peace.

Hymn & offertory collection.

Offering prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

5. THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER (kneel or sit)

God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us,

Even when we were dead through our trespasses,

made us alive together with Christ,

And raised us up with him, and made us sit with him

in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

That he might show us the immeasurable riches of his grace,

in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

The prayer for the day.

The intercessions.

2. THE CONFESSION (kneel)

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart:

(a time of silence)

We pray together:

Merciful God, our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of consolation and assurance:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1John 2:1-2)

3. THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD *(sit)*

Almighty God, we thank you for your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and strength to our lives, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Bible reading.

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

The Easter Anthem:

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us,
so let us celebrate the feast;*

***Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.***

*Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
Death has no more dominion over him.*

In dying, he died to sin once for all, in living he lives to God.

*See yourselves therefore as dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

***Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who sleep.***

For as by one man came death,

by another has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Second Bible reading.

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

Hymn.

Gospel reading.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord :

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The sermon.

The Nicene creed:

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.***

***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.