

An Order for Common Worship Communion

Third Sunday of Easter

Alleluia, Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Lighting the Easter Candle: **May Christ our light, risen in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

Hymn 1: This joyful Eastertide

Eternal God, creator of all things, giver of life, we praise and worship you.

We thank you that you have always loved the world you have made;

and that, however far we stray from you, your love is always there to welcome us home.

We do not deserve your love, but we dare to believe the good news of your mercy declared by our Lord Jesus Christ, whose offering of his life for us and for all people we set forth in this bread and wine.

Be present at this your table as with penitent and forgiving hearts we break bread and drink wine in your name.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that our worship may truly express our love for you and for one another.

Make us glad and give us joy and peace

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

To all who turn to him he says:

‘Your sins are forgiven.’ He also says: ‘Follow me.

Hymn 2: Thuma Mina

Prayer for the Easter Season

Reading: Acts 3, 1-16

Reading: Luke 24, 36b-48

Talk

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All: Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name:

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen *Philippians 2.6-11*

Intercessions

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.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

They were glad when they saw the Lord.

That peace of the Lord be always with you.

We share the Peace by looking at each other and waving a hand

Hymn 3: How deep the father's love for us

Let us celebrate this joyful feast.

People will come from east and west and north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Hear the narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper as it is recorded by St Paul.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is

my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We offer you thanks, Creator, Saviour, Giver of Life.

From the beginning you have made yourself known:

the heavens proclaim your glory and the earth sings your praise.

In wisdom you made all that is and you bless us with earth's fruitfulness.

You are merciful and gracious, and abounding in love.

Yet from our first days we have disobeyed your will.

Long ago you called to yourself a people to shine as light to guide all nations to your presence.

You led them to freedom;

you revealed to them your Law and taught them through your prophets.

Finally you sent your promised Son, Jesus Christ, who shared our human nature and understood our weakness.

Born of Mary, he showed forth your love by word and sign.

Therefore with all your people in heaven and on earth we sing the triumphant hymn of your glory:

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.

Jesus sought the unloved and the lost and welcomed all who came to him;

he taught us lessons of forgiveness he brought us healing for our sickness, and showed us how to live according to your will.

For this he was rejected, for this he endured grief and sorrow, for this he gave himself up to death upon the Cross.

But you broke the power of sin and death and raised him to the heights, that through the blood of his Cross and by the gift of the Holy Spirit everything in earth and heaven might be reconciled to you.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Come, Creator God: renew the face of the earth;
come, eternal Saviour: remake us in your likeness;
come, Holy Spirit, transform these gifts:
that Christ may be known to us in the breaking of the bread and that we may be strengthened to
serve him in the world.

May we on earth be one with all Christ's people, and, when all things are complete, be raised up
to be with him, and with all your faithful servants in the heavenly places, the homeland which we
seek by faith, and where he reigns in glory, with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever.

Amen.

The Minister says

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

We share Communion together.

Hymn 4: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Minister

Go out into the world with the food of your pilgrimage in peace and gladness.

Thanks be to God for his gift beyond words

Blessing

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

Amen