

## TOGETHER FOR EASTER SEASON

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

*The candle is lit*

May Christ, risen in glory,  
scatter the darkness  
from our hearts and minds  
and from this world  
**The light of the risen Christ  
shine upon us,  
this day and always**

*An opening song*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you**

*Words of introduction  
and welcome are shared*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*The Song of the Angels is said or sung*

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to ...**

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.

**Glory to ...**

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.

**Glory to ....**

*The collect, today's special prayer*

*A song of preparation*

*Today's Bible readings*



*A Reflection*

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### *Our intercessions for this week*

#### *Words of Comfort from Psalm 30*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;

**you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.

**For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.**

Heaviness may endure for a night, **but joy comes in the morning.**

Blessèd be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**Blessèd be God for ever.**

#### *We share the Peace together*

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

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

#### *A Song of Offering*

### *Prayers at the Table*

My dear friends, as we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, let us call to mind the many ways in which we have not lived the fullness of what we believe.

*[Silence for reflection]*

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the Father restore you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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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 gates 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:

**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.**

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.

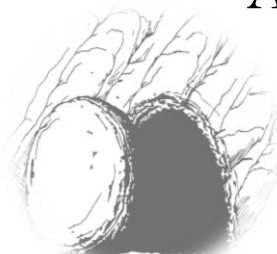
Jesus Christ is Lord!

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the World.**

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, for ever and ever.

**Amen!**



*The Lord's Prayer*

*The bread is broken*

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We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*The Agnus Dei is said or sung*

Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

*(repeat)*

Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

Here is the table of the Lord,  
we are gathered to his supper, a foretaste  
of the new creation. Come, when you  
are fearful, to be made new in love.  
Come, when you are doubtful, to be  
made strong in faith. Come, when you  
are regretful, and be made whole.  
Come, when you are at peace, to be  
deepened in joy.

**Come, old and young,  
there is room for all!**

*We share communion  
during which a song may be played*

*A hymn of thanksgiving*

*Notices, Blessings and Farewell*

Father,  
your steadfast purpose  
is the completion of all things  
in your Son.

**May we who have received  
the pledges of the kingdom,  
live by faith,  
walk in hope and  
be renewed in love,  
until the world  
reflects your glory,  
and you are all in all;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia,  
alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.  
Alleluia,  
alleluia.**

