

THE SUNDAYS IN EASTERTIDE
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The Word of God

Opening Hymn

(See hymn board)

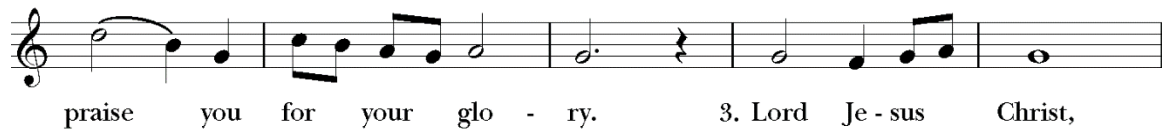
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**


Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Song of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis (Hymnal S-278)






take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



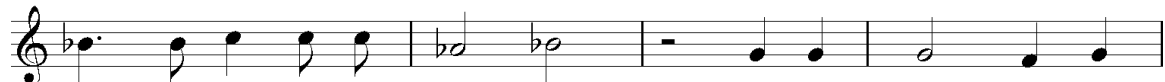
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Celebrant invites the People to pray the Collect together.

The Lessons

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

(See hymn board)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, is only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

*(Adapted from Plater, Ormonde. *Intervention: A Theological and Practical Guide*. Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1995.)*

Celebrant

Filled with joy in this Easter season, let us offer prayers to God who raised Christ from the dead and sent the Spirit to dwell among us.

Prayer Leader

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith and reverence, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For those who have recently been illumined by the light of Christ through Baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For our bishops; for priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For those for whom our prayers are requested, especially _____ and any we now name, silently or aloud [*the people may add their own petitions*]. Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For those who have died, especially [_____ and] any we now name, silently or aloud [*the people may add their own petitions*]. Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

That we may rejoice without limit with angels and saints in the church at rest, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Thomas, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, receive the prayers we offer this day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *The entire season of Easter is a reminder of the grace and forgiveness we are gifted through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. There is, therefore, no corporate Confession of Sin during Eastertide.*

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

(See hymn board)

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

All whom God draws to the Table are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. As you approach the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

The Sacraments may be received in several ways. You may:

- eat the Bread and drink the Wine directly from the chalice
- receive just the Bread or Wine
- dip the Bread in the Wine

If you would rather receive a blessing from the Priest instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this.

Gluten-free Bread and alcohol-free Wine is also available.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus (Hymnal S-128)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant and other ministers receive the sacrament and then it is immediately distributed to the People.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, (†) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

(See hymn board)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**