

Easter 3 Year B 2021

Welcome and Notices

Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn:

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

Prayers of Penitence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour
In thought and word and deed,
Through negligence, through weakness
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
And repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us
Forgive us all that is past
And grant that we may serve you in newness
of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution
Gloria

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.
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

Risen Christ,
You filled your disciples
with boldness and fresh hope:
Strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
To the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Readings

New Testament: Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be

released to you. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

17 "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

The is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Mark 16:1-8

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal Life

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you O Lord

Whilst they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones

like you see I have." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish. Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen**

Intercessions

God has made the one who was rejected the
cornerstone of a new community.

In the name of Christ Jesus,
Let us pray for the needs of the world.

A special prayer for Prince Philip

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for
the love he shared among us, and for his
devotion to duty.

We entrust him now to your love and mercy.
Loving God, be close to all who mourn,
especially The Queen and all members of the
Royal Family. May they know the hope of your
promises and the comfort of your love, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy One,
As the risen Christ opened the minds of the
disciples to understand the Scriptures and gave
them the power through the Holy Spirit to walk
boldly in the world, encourage us to live as
people of the resurrection, affirming all that is
life giving, challenging all that would seek to
damage and diminish others and the created
world, witnessing to the power of your Spirit
that makes all things new.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of peace,
As Christ showed his wounded hands and feet
to the terrified apostles, reveal to your church,
and to your people of prayer in every faith,
The wounds of our neighbours, the fears of
individuals and families and the paths we can

take that would lead to healing, wholeness and
peace.

We think of the the USA in the light of the
recent shooting of Daunte Wright and as the
trial of Derek Chauvin continues...bring
understanding, justice, and your healing mercy.

We continue to hold in our prayers the nation
of Myanmar; the tensions between Russia and
Ukraine, and nearer to home the
escalating conflict in Northern Ireland.

Give hope and courage to the frightened,
Justice to the oppressed
Consolation to the grief stricken,
And peace to communities in conflict
God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Healer of our every ill,
We pray for all who are in need,
For refugees and all peoples displaced by
conflict, natural disasters, famine and
oppression.

We pray for aid workers and medical
responders, for peace brokers and power
wielders.

We think of those we know who are struggling
at this time in body, mind or spirit and take
some moments of silence to
lift before you all those we know who you're
your healing touch in their lives...

We remember all those we know who have
passed through the darkness of death and have
entered light and life everlasting....bring
comfort and strength to all who mourn.

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

God of love,
we give thanks for the love poured into our
world through Christ Jesus. Give us a fresh
experience of your presence in our lives;

embolden and equip us to live lives of witness to your love and grace in our world.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ

Amen.

The Peace.

God is love and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them...

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Be present, be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

Our risen High Priest;

Make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Easter Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.

[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.]

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty

resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people, and gather into one in your kingdom, all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**All 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Post communion Prayer

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with 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**

Post communion Prayer

Living God,
Your Son made himself known to his disciples in
the breaking of bread;
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him
in all his redeeming work;
Who is alive and reigns, now and forever:
Amen

Prayer after Communion

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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.**

Blessing

May the Father fill you with deep faith.
May the Son fill you with deep hope.
May the Holy Spirit fill you with deep love,
bringing joy and peace to all who believe.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always
Amen

Sending

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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