

The Easter Liturgy

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter



**The Parish of
St Edmund the King
Northwood Hills**

The Service of Light

The building being in darkness, the ministers go in silence to the main entrance, one of them carrying the unlit Easter Candle.

The priest says

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

The new fire may be kindled. One of these prayers may be used

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Easter Candle is marked and the following prayer said

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Incense studs are inserted into the Easter Candle.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

All **Amen.**



*The president lights the Easter Candle, saying
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds*

*The deacon bearing the Candle enters the building, followed by the other ministers,
and they pause just inside the entrance.*

The deacon bearing the Candle raises it and says or sings

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

*The procession of the Easter Candle moves further into the building and then
stops. The versicle and response are repeated, and the candles of those
around are lit from the Easter Candle.*

*The procession continues to the centre of the building and stops once more.
The versicle and response are again repeated, and the candles of those around
are lit.*

The Easter Candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the building.

The Exsultet (The Easter Song of Praise)

Deacon Rejoice heavenly powers

Sing choirs of angels

Exult all creation around God's throne

Jesus is risen sound the trumpet of salvation

Sing, dance and rejoice for Jesus lives

All repeat

Rejoice O Mother Church and sing
Bathed in the brightness of your King
Enjoy the victory he brings!

All: Rejoice heavenly powers.....

This night will be as clear as day
The morning star is here to stay
And he has washed all guilt away

All: Rejoice heavenly powers.....

The price for Adam's sin is paid
By Jesus' blood we have been saved
He rose triumphant from the grave

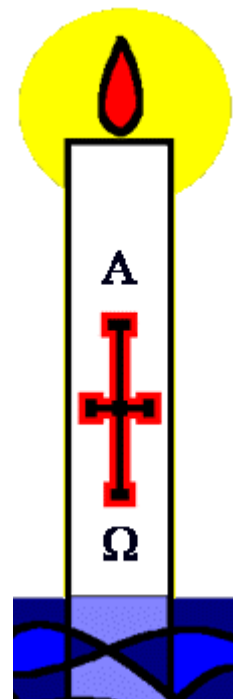
All: Rejoice heavenly powers.....

And now this Easter candle's light
Dispels the darkness of the night
Rejoice in justice, peace and right

All: Rejoice heavenly powers.....

The Vigil

*Lights are taken from the Easter Candle to illuminate the Bible from which the Vigil readings
will be read. This reminds us that our understanding of the Old Testament is in the Light of
Christ.*



The Priest introduces the Vigil using these or other appropriate words

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that



creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 1.1–2.4a

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

All Thanks be to God

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| 1 All creatures of our God and king
Lift up your voices and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia
Thou burning with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, | 3 Thou flowing water pure and clear
Make music for thy Lord to hear
Alleluia, alleluia
Thou fire so masterful and bright
That gives to man both warmth and
light
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, |
| 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
Alleluia, alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye light of evening find a voice
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia | 4 Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!
The flow’rs and fruits that in thee
grow,
let them God’s glory also show,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia |

Priest Let us pray

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of the Exodus



As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us,

bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the

chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: *Exodus 14.10-end; 15.1a*

The reading continues in song

*I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph
I will sing to the Lord I will praise his name
**I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph
I will sing to the Lord I will praise his name***

He has thrown my foes into the sea
Glorious is the Lord who rescued me
He is my strength He is my song and
I will give Him praise
***I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph
I will sing to the Lord I will praise his name***

I stand safe upon the shore
Pharaoh's army harries me no more
Enemies fall under his pow'r and
I will give Him praise
***I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph
I will sing to the Lord I will praise his name***

Your right hand, is glorious in power:
your right hand, prevailed and won the hour.
Great is your name endless your reign and
I will give Him praise
***I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph
I will sing to the Lord I will praise his name
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I will sing to the Lord I will praise his name
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I will praise his name***

Priest Let us pray
Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Reading

A reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-28

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 42 As the Deer pants

1 As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you*

2 I want You more than gold or
silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye
You alone are my strength.....

3 You're my Friend and You are my
Brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything
You alone are my strength.....

The Easter Acclamation

The priest says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.



A joyful fanfare may be played, bells rung, cymbals clashed, noise made.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in excelsis is sung, during which all the candles in the church are lit from the Easter Candle, the lights are switched on and the people's candles extinguished.

Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

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.

All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo...

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.

All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo..

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.

All Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo

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The Collect

Let us pray

A period of silent prayer is kept.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All Amen.

New Testament Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6.3-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Response

cf. v. 2 Ju-dah be-came God's sanc-tua-ry and Is-ra-el his do-mi - nion.



When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion. R/

The sea saw that, and fled;
Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the little hills like young sheep. R/

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams,
you little hills like young sheep? R/

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water,
the flint-stone into a springing well. R/

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene
and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great



earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation turns the baptismal font saying the following as they go

The Litany of the Saints

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God.

Saint Michael,

Holy angels of God,

Saint Joseph,

Ora pro nobis

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint Thomas,

Ora pro nobis

Saint Phillip,

Saint John,

Saint Mary Magdalene,

Saint Stephen,

Ora pro nobis

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Ora pro no-obis

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Ora pro no-obis

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Ora pro no-obis

Saint Ignatius,
Saint Lawrence,
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,
Saint Agnes,
Ora pro nobis
Saint Gregory,
Saint Augustine,
Saint Theresa,
All you saints of God,
Ora pro nobis
Ora pro nobis

Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Ora pro no-obis
Pray for us.
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Ora pro no-obis
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Lord, be merciful,
From all harm,
From every sin,
From all temptations,
From everlasting death,
By Your coming among us,
By Your death and rising to new life,
By Your gift of the Holy Spirit,
Be merciful to us sinners,
Guide and protect Your Holy Church,
Keep our Bishops and all the clergy in faithful service to Your Church.
Bring all people together in trust and peace.
Strengthen us in Your service.
Amen.

Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, save us.
Lord, hear our prayer.
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The Decision/Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you the strength to continue in the way.

Amen

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ

was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out
of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and
raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with
Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all
sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household
of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty,
authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The people reaffirm their faith.

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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



Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**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.**



The waters of baptism are sprinkled over the people.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The president says

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

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace



Preparation of The Gifts

The Offertory Hymn is sung as the Gifts are placed on the Altar

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung
Alleluia!
- 2 Death's mightiest powers have
done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy
outburst,
Alleluia!
- 3 On the third morn he rose again;
Glorious in majesty to reign
O let us swell the joyful strain
Alleluia!
- 4 He brake the age-bound chains of
hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals
fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

Pray my brothers and sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God the Almighty Father

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and Glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all his Church**

Prayer over the gifts

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.



The priest praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest recalls the Last Supper

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which
All respond boldly*

Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**



Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

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

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

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

This is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

Members of all Christian Churches who normally receive communion in their own Church are invited to come forward to receive communion, those who have not been admitted to Holy Communion please also come forward for a blessing.

The Body of Christ **Amen**

The Blood of Christ **Amen**

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|---|---|
| 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! | 3 We praise in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot
die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia |
| 2 The Lord of life is ris'n today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let ev'ry tongue rejoice and say:
Alleluia! | 4 Thy name we bless o risen Lord
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored
Alleluia! |

Prayer after Communion

*The priest says the prayer after communion and all reply **Amen***

We sing

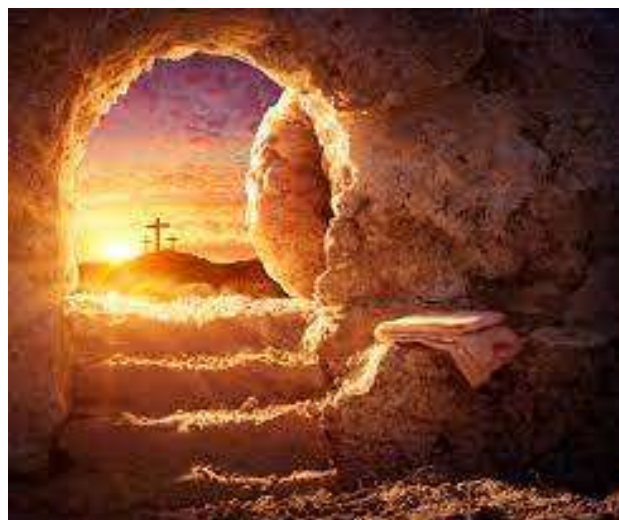
Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to Heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a Victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal, on the holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise:
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave,
Ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of Thy face;
That we, with our hearts in Heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.



The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen.

God the Son,

who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,

who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

The Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

