# **Easter**



# He is Alive!

#### **WELCOME**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: he has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

# **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord

# HYMN CONFESSION

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil

# Silence is kept

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** 

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** 

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe

### **ABSOLUTION**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore in us his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Amen** 

#### THE 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.

# COLLECT/ READINGS/ SERMON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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.

# INTERCESSIONS THE PEACE

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

And they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

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

# HYMN 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

# The president thanks God for all he has done.

... forever praising you and saying: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

# The president recounts the last supper.

... in remembrance of me: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him,

The president and the people receive communion.

### 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 to your praise and glory. Amen.

# NOTICES/ HYMN

# **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

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

#### Amen.

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

# Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

#### Amen.

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

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!