

# Easter Day

## INTRODUCTION

*The Easter Garden may be blessed.*

INTROIT HYMN— **818** *Celebration Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All respond: Amen.*

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

**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed  
for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting  
away all malice and evil and confessing our  
sins with a sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us ✠ our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.*

**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.**

*All remain standing for the COLLECT.*

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. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Readings for Year A*

FIRST READING

*Acts 10.34-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to the assembly: "Truly  
I understand that God shows no partiality,  
but in every nation anyone who fears him and  
does what is right is acceptable to him. As for  
the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good  
news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord  
of all), you yourselves know what happened  
throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee  
after the baptism that John proclaimed: how  
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy  
Spirit and with power. He went about doing  
good and healing all who were oppressed by  
the devil, for God was with him. And we are  
witnesses of all that he did both in the country  
of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him  
to death by hanging him on a tree, but God  
raised him on the third day and caused him  
to appear, not to all the people but to us who  
had been chosen by God as witnesses, who  
ate and drank with him after he rose from  
the dead. And he commanded us to preach  
to the people and to testify that he is the one

appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *from Ps 118*

*R.* This is the day of the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (*All repeat*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his loving mercy never fails.

Let every son of Israel say that his love endures for ever. *R.*

Victorious is the Lord’s right hand, the Lord’s right hand has raised me up.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. *R.*

The stone which the builders refused has become the chief corner-stone.

This is the Lord’s own work, and it is marvellous in our eyes. *R.*

SECOND READING *Col 3.1–4*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN— **322**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Rev 1.17,18*

*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.

*Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

*Jn 20.1–18*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned

and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” – and that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

A SERMON *may follow.*

*All stand to recite the* NICENE CREED.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*(all bow)* **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

*(all rise)* **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. This response is used:*

℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℟. **Hear our prayer.**

*The Intercessions end:*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand as the priest introduces the* PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN— **58**

*The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the* PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that 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.**

In the joy of Easter, Lord, we offer you this sacrifice by which your Church is wonderfully reborn and sustained; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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 him thanks and praise.**

*The PREFACE follows.*

*All respond with the* SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

**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.**

All *kneel*. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying, you destroyed our death;**

**rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:*

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## RITE OF COMMUNION

*The priest introduces 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. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.*

**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.**

*The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Holy Communion is distributed.*

COMMUNION HYMN—**735**

*The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

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 the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom 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. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN—**728**

*The service may be followed by REGINA CÆLI.*

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:**

**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,**

**As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.**

**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

∇. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:

℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**