



St John's Glastonbury

**Sung Eucharist for
Easter Day**

Welcome to St John's for the celebration of the Eucharist for Easter Day. Whatever has drawn you here this morning you are welcome as we celebrate the risen Christ. We join with Christians around the world on this most joyful day.

All are welcome at God's table, if you would prefer to receive a blessing then please bring up your service booklet, and if you need a gluten free wafer then just say.

Please do join us for worship throughout the year, and if you are a visitor or pilgrim, then may your journey onwards be blessed.

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice". The script is cursive and elegant, with the 'A' and 'C' being particularly prominent.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN(S)

The opening hymn or hymns are sung in procession, with a pause for the blessing of the Easter garden. Please stand if it is comfortable to do so.

THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDEN

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.' *Matthew 28.5, 6*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
To you be glory now and for ever.
In your great mercy you have given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden
in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others.

Amen.

THE GREETING

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Please sit or kneel:

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

We stand for 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.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray that we might reign with the risen Christ in glory:

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.**

READING

We sit for our reading, which ends:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

THE GOSPEL

We turn to face the Gospel as it is processed through the congregation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

We stand to affirm our faith in God:

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer.

THE PEACE

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a sign of peace with others as you wish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The presiding priest prays over the gifts in the following words:

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

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic preface continues, praising the mighty acts of God, followed by the sung Sanctus and 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.

The prayer continues, recalling the events of the last supper:

Praise to you Lord Jesus
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The prayer continues into the doxology, concluding:

for ever and ever.
Amen.

The presiding priest introduces the Lord's Prayer.

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**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung:

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

If you wish to receive communion or a blessing, then please come to the altar rail, as directed. If you'd like a blessing then please cross your arms as a sign to the priest. Gluten free wafers are available.

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.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal 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.

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.