

Easter Season



Worship @ Home

Opening Words

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Confession

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

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

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

Amen.

The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast, not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: death has no more dominion over him In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death: by man has come also the resurrection of the dead; for as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I Corinthians 15.20-22

The Collect

We gather our prayers in the words of the Collect (found with the reading and reflection)

Bible Readings and Reflection

See separate sheet

The Apostle's Creed

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

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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

For those who feel unloved this day, may they hear your voice of love...

For those who feel anxious or afraid this day, may they hear your voice of peace...

For those who lead or govern, may they hear your voice of wisdom...

For those who are downtrodden by others, may they hear your voice of judgement and mercy...

For all of us who are your church, may we respond to your voice with willing hearts. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.

Final Prayer, Blessing and Dismissal

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk in his risen life. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be you with this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.