



**St Georges Church
Easter Day
Parish Communion Service**

*He is
Risen!*

With the congregation facing the main door, the minister says:

Christ yesterday and today,

All **The beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;

All **To him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.**

Amen

Minister This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The minister lights the Easter Candle, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Candle is carried forward,
the minister and choir pausing several times and all singing:*

All The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn

The minister says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Welcome and Notices

Confession

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.

All

**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 almighty God who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

All sing

**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 for the day

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

At the end This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

THE EPISTLE

At the end This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Please remain standing for
THE GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
All **Alleluia.**
He has defeated the powers of death.
All **Alleluia.**
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.
All **Alleluia.**
He has the words of eternal life.
All **Alleluia.**

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end
Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

Sermon

Please stand

Let us declare the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **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?

All **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.**

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.

All **Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit to pray

Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer:

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

At the end:

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

John 20.19, 20

All The peace of the risen Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns
within us, that we may bring light to your world.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

All

**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 come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

All 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.**

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

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

*All baptized believers are welcome to receive communion.
If you would like to come forward for a blessing,
please indicate this by keeping your hands down.*

(Choir) **Communion Anthem**

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.

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

The Blessing

Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord in all we say and do.
We ask this in his name.

All **Amen**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with us and remain with us always.

All **Amen**

Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Please stay for refreshments served in the North Aisle