



Easter Sunday

The Gathering

*We gather outside the church by the Easter Fire.
Please stand socially distancing.*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty

power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvelous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope!

He has raised Jesus from the dead!

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness!

He has made us light to the world!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A minister brings the Easter Candle to the president who traces the Cross and then the Greek Letters Alpha and Omega

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

*Five nails or incense studs are then inserted into the candle,
reminding us of the five wounds of Christ.*

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard us and
keep us

*The candle is lit from the fire
Holding the candle the minister says or sings*

The light of Christ
All Thanks be to God

We sing at the fire and then process into church

*Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains that he endured Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

The priest says:

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

All Amen

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The priest welcomes the community

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to 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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus you forgive us our sins.
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus you feed us with the living bread
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

The priest says

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

All Amen.

The Peruvian Gloria is sung solo

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen,

alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen,

alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen, *alleluia amen.*

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6 - 9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well- matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well- matured wines strained
clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

At the end of the reading:

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

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14 – 24

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim 'His mercy endures for ever.'

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds, the right hand of the Lord raises up, the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

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

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

At the end of the psalm

Glory be to the father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead

Alleluia

He has defeated the powers of death

Alleluia

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing

Alleluia

He has the words of eternal life

Alleluia

The Gospel: John 20: 1 – 18

²⁰ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² 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." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ 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." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me,

because 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.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

All stand

The Apostles' 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

You are invited to sit as we pray.

At the end, these or other suitable words may be used:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand for the Peace:

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

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The peace is shared at a distance and with those online

Solo, Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (11)

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of hands like ours.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
Always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Almighty and eternal Father,
And in all 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 eternal 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:

(said) All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith

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

Father, we plead with confidence

his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary the Mother of God, Mary
Magdalene and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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.

The Lord's Prayer

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 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

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Come to the Lord's Table;

Come not because you are rich but because you are poor,
Come not because you are entitled but because you are invited.
Come not because you know all things of God;
But because you have seen a little of God's love and want to know
more,
Come as you are. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Solo "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Prayer after Communion

*After communion, a period of silence is kept and after the silence,
the President says:*

Let us pray.

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.**

All 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

May the living God
Remove the suffocating shroud
That lies upon our world;
May the risen Saviour
Draw the sting of death,
Bringing all to life in him; May the flowing Spirit
Set us and all creation free
And seal our hearts with faith;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Processional Hymn "O Happy Day" (begun solo)

You are invited to join the procession, socially distancing, to exit outside, you are invited to join the song together outside.

The deacon says:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.