

The Radcliffe Team Ministry



Holy Communion
EASTER

HYMN

Welcome in the name of Christ, God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, your son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11.28*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear what Saint Paul says:
This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear what Saint John says:
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1, 2*

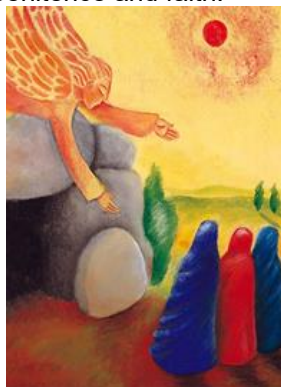
PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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**



The God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading. In between some verses from the Psalms or a Canticle may be said (these can be found at the back of this service book).

At the end of the readings:

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia, 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**

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

Glory to you O Lord

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

THE SERMON

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

The response to Lord in your mercy is: Hear our prayer

*At the end: Merciful Father: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

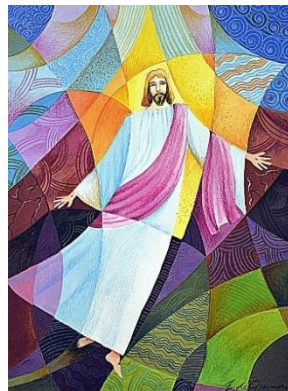
The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood amongst the 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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Ed de Guzman

Preparation of the Table

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

To you be glory and praise for ever

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a people for your own possession.

To you be glory and praise for ever

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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.

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free
You are the Saviour of the world**

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever

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:

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in the one bread**

**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**

OR

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sins
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, redeemer of the world
Jesus, Lamb of God, grant us peace**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

Please join in the singing of the hymns or say your prayers and respect the needs of others by not chatting at this most holy time. Members of other Christian Churches are welcome to join us for Communion or if you want to come forward for a Blessing please bring this book with you.

Prayer after Communion

A seasonal post Communion prayer is said, followed by:

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

The Blessing

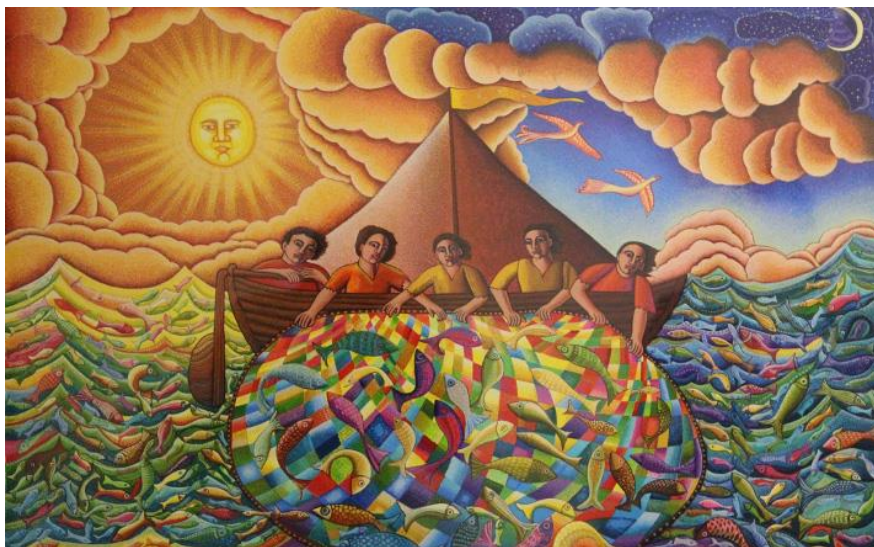
God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen**

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen**

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen**
And the blessing ...

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia



John August Swanson

*He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."
When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.*
John 21.6

PSALMS AND CANTICLES FOR EASTER

At the end of the psalm or canticle:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

A SONG OF TRIUMPH

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

A SONG OF JOY

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

**For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation**

VERSES FROM PSALM 145

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another,
and shall declare your power.**

All creation praises you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They declare the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your mighty power.**

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
**Let every living thing bless his holy name
for ever and ever.**

VERSES FROM PSALM 130

Out of the depths I have called to you,
Lord.

Let your ears be open to hear my voice.
My hope is in God's word.

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?
My hope is in God's word.

There is forgiveness with you:
Therefore, you shall be feared.
My hope is in God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.
My hope is in God's word.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.
My hope is in God's word.

FROM PSALM 100

Jubilate, ev'rybody, serve the Lord in all your ways,
and come before his presence singing:
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious and his mercy everlasting,
Jubilate, Jubilate, Jubilate Deo!



A SONG OF CREATION

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;**

GLORY TO GOD ABOVE

O sing hallelujah and praise God for evermore!

Glory to God above!

Heavens declare his love;
praise him, you angels,
praise him all you high and heavenly host.
Worship him, sun and moon;
stars, complement their tune:
grounded in God's good purpose
let his grace become your boast.

O sing hallelujah and praise God for evermore!

Glory to God below
let depths of ocean show;
lightning and hail, snow,
wind and cloud perform at his command!
Let every mountain range,
forest and grove and grange,
creatures of earth and air and sea
praise God in every land.

O sing hallelujah and praise God for evermore!



**Common
Worship**