

Welcome to this house of prayer.
May you find peace.

EASTER SUNDAY

A CELEBRATION
of the HOLY EUCHARIST

April 9TH 2023 at 9:30 am

*Pandemic precautions remain in effect.
You are encouraged to wear a mask
while inside the church building.*

Kindly silence your phones.

Children are welcome to be children.

The WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Alleluia! This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

A SONG *of* PRAISE

(lyrics up on the screen)

The COLLECT PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of life and power,
**through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
you have overcome the old order of sin and death
and have made all things new in him.**

**May we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The children leave the assembly to return for the Holy Eucharist.

A READING *is given, from the book of Isaiah 50:4-9a, after which
the reader says The word of the Lord, and the congregation responds
Thanks be to God.*

*Please rise as you are able. The GOSPEL is read from the Book of John 20. 1-18. The minister says The Lord be with you, and the congregation responds **And also with you.** The minister says The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, and the congregation responds **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

*At the end of the Gospel, the minister says The Gospel of Christ, and the congregation responds **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

DISCERNING *the* WORD

The AFFIRMATION *of* FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The PRAYERS *of the* CHURCH

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

A SONG of PRAISE

(lyrics up on the screen)

The PRAYER *over the* GIFTS

God our strength and salvation,
receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that we who have confessed your name,
and received new life in baptism,
may live in the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The INVITATION *to* HOLY COMMUNION

In the homes of Peter, Jarius, Zaccheus, Joanna, Mary and Martha, Jesus was the guest. At this table, he is the host.

If you wish to serve Jesus, you must first be served by him.

If you want to follow Jesus, you must first be fed by him.

So come, all you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to his.

The STORY

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'this is my body which is given for you.'

In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, He poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, 'this cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it'.

So now we take this bread and wine, gifts of the living earth and of human labour. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

The THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God,
It is right to give both thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whose suffering and death he is the source of eternal
salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices
in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
God of power, God of might.
your glory fills heaven and earth
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in your name oh Lord. Hosanna in the highest**

But our praise alone is but part of our fulfilling your purpose,
so we remember him who came and lived and died among
your children, because words are not enough. Setting aside
our words and our will, lifting up our hearts, we ask for the
healing, the accepting, and the forgiving which Christ alone
can offer.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place
what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon
us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be your
own food and drink; renewing, sustaining and making us
whole. Grant that the Church in this place may be your body
and blood to the world, proclaiming the salvation and life to
be found in you.

Let us pray the way Jesus taught us.

The PRAYER of JESUS

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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The BREAKING of the BREAD

These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The SHARING of the EUCHARIST

All are welcome to receive. If you wish a blessing instead, come forward and cross your arms over your chest as you near the priest. If you need the sacrament brought to your seat, kindly indicate so to our Greeters. Gluten-free bread is also available.

A SONG of PRAISE

(lyrics up on the screen)

The PRAYER after COMMUNION

God of life,

bring us to the glory of the resurrection

promised in this Easter sacrament.

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

Amen.

The BLESSING

A SONG *of* PRAISE

(lyrics up on the screen)

The SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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