

Holy Communion - Sunday, 11th April 2021

Opening Praise

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.

Song: The Greatest Day in History

Confession

Christ died to sin once for all and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
And confess 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.

Absolution

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

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Bible readings:

New Testament: Acts 4:32-32

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: John 20:19-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song: Waymaker

Intercessions

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
And also with you.

Offering

Eucharistic Prayer (H)

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and 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.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

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 for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The 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 one bread.**

Invitation to communion

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

The Body and Blood of Christ

Distribution of communion

Prayer after communion

We thank you gracious Father
For welcoming your children
To feast in your kingdom;
By your love unite us,
And with your Spirit send us,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

Song: Men of faith

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 of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing responses

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!