

Eucharistic Worship
from
Eastertide to Pentecost



Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
St Andrews

Eastertide and Pentecost

Easter is the major festival of the Christian year. Jesus' life and ministry was one of constant struggle with the powers of evil in all its forms, and it ended in suffering and death. To all appearances, in other words, it ended in failure. Throughout his ministry, though, Jesus had spoken openly to his disciples about this dark climax to things, urging them to expect it but not to be fooled or dismayed by it when it happened. 'The Son of Man,' he told them, 'must suffer many things at the hands of those who are opposed to him, and then be put to death. BUT – he will be raised to life again on the third day!' The resurrection of Jesus from death is God's vindication of him and of all that he did and said when he came among us 'to deliver us from our sins' and so defeat the hold of death over us. On Easter Day we celebrate the resurrection, the decisive defeat of death by the God who is the source of life in all its fulness, and a pledge of God's promise to 'make all things new' in a new creative act as yet still to come.

Jesus' human life and ministry were infused from first to last (from his conception in Mary's womb, to his resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father) with the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that after his resurrection the same

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Scottish Liturgy, 1982 (with variants)

PREPARATION

1 Acclamation and Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

2 Collect for Purity

**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.**

3 Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God
 with all your heart,
 with all your soul,
 with all your mind
 and with all your strength.’
 The second is this:
 ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’
 There is no other commandment greater
 than these.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

4 Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God’s children.
 There is no room for fear in love.
 We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
 and to our fellow members
 in the Body of Christ
 that we have sinned in thought,
 word and deed,
 and in what we have failed to do.
 We are truly sorry.
 Forgive us our sins,
 and deliver us from the power of evil,
 for the sake of your Son who died for us,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
 forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
 heal and strengthen *us* by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

5 Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

6 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.**

7 Collect of the day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

8 First Reading

9 Second Reading

10 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!

10 Reading of the Gospel

When it is announced:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

11 Sermon

or other exposition of the Word

12 The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God ...

**... the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And 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, dead and buried :
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
He shall 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.**

13 Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those in need, for the Church and its members.

14 Peace

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead!
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

15 Offering

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will
become for us the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

or **Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

16 Eucharistic Prayer I

We remain standing until the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 to God.

Worship and praise belong to you Father,
in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us
that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.

He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.

Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,

having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup.
He offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
And send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of
 Christ's Body
 to live and work to your praise and glory;
 may we grow together in unity and love
 until at last, in your new creation,
 we enter into our heritage
 in the company of the Virgin Mary,
 the apostles and prophets,
 and of all our brothers and sisters
 living and departed.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be to you,
 Lord of all ages,
 world without end.
 Amen.**

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17 Eucharistic Prayer II

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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 to God.

Worship and praise belong to you,
Author of all being.
Your power sustains, your love restores,
our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work,
from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,
proclaims the dawn of hope.
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,
your breath is power
to purge our sin
and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven ,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**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.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours

and death is swallowed up in victory.
In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is alive and is with us now
in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the
breaking of bread,
speaking peace to weary fishermen on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom
on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body.
It is given for you.'
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
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that sins may be forgiven.
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 in the company of the Virgin Mary,
 the apostles and prophets,
 and of all our brothers and sisters
 living and departed.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be to you,
 Lord of all ages,
 world without end.**

Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

18 Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we are united with Christ, who
for the world's salvation
gave himself once for all.**

19 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has commanded and 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.
And 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.**

[20] Invitation

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 and with thanksgiving.

21 Communion Song

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.

22 Communion

*Please approach the altar to receive
the bread and wine or a prayer of blessing.*

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

23 Sentence

Give thanks to the Lord, who is gracious.
And whose mercy endures for ever.

24 Post-communion prayer

- (a) Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- (b) Father, we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all humankind; through him who died for us and rose again
- (c) 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.

25 Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the

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

Amen.

26 Dismissal

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Alternative Blessings

(Eastertide)

The God of peace,
 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 that great shepherd of the sheep,
 through the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
 working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
 and the blessing...

God the Father,
 by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
 strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
 and the blessing...

May Christ,
 who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
 fill you with his new life;
 and the blessing...

(Pentecost)

May the Spirit,
 who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
 breathe into you the life he gives.

Amen.

May the Spirit,
 who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son
 came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

Amen.

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Alternative Affirmations of Faith

1. The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (AD 381)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living**

**and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

2. (Based on Philippians 2.6-11)

**We believe in Christ Jesus
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself and became obedient
unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name**

**which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

3. Baptismal Creed

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

All **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?

All **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?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Spirit would be poured out upon the church by his Father to empower its own life and ministry, enabling it to continue in the struggle with sin and death, and to be Christ's Body in the world. Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, during the Jewish Feast of Weeks, this outpouring occurred, transforming the disciples into bold witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and launching the public mission and ministry of a 'Jesus movement' within Judaism that would eventually be forced out to become the Christian church. The Feast of Pentecost marks this occasion of the Spirit's coming in power.

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