



Holy Trinity  
Washington



## THE GATHERING

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.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*The Easter Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.  
**All Thanks be to God.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Processional hymn is sung**

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## **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.**

## **Invitations 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.

## **Kyrie Confession**

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All   Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All   Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All 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**

*This can be found on the front of the weekly news sheet and is said together*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Readings from the Old and/or New Testament**

*Please sit.*

*At the end of each reading the reader will say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **A Gradual Hymn or Anthem may be sung**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

*John 11.25,26*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ***A Sermon may be preached***

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All I come to Christ.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the way.

## **Prayer over the water**

God our Father,  
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the  
earth;  
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins  
and the gift of life eternal.  
Sanctify this water, we pray.  
Renew the living spring of your life within us,  
that we may be free from sin  
and filled with your saving health;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All    Amen.**

*Water is sprinkled over the people*

## **The Creed**

**All    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 Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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**



## **Prayers of Intercession**

*These or other responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy                      or Lord, hear us.

**All   hear our prayer.                      Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All   and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

### **An Offertory Hymn may be sung**

### **Prayers at the 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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer E**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All we lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All 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 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 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 glory.

**All 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms and  
bring us with *[N and]* all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All 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, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**All Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia.**

**All Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs  
from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us with the precious  
body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen**

*If you are a communicant member of another church, you are welcome to come up and receive communion. If you are not confirmed please come up for a blessing. Please keep your hands down so that the celebrant knows you are not taking communion. Whether you come for communion or a blessing everyone is welcome to receive God's loving grace. Hymns and songs may be sung during communion – please join in.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*This can be found on the front of the weekly news sheet and is said together.*

## Thanksgiving Prayer

**All** 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.

## Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All** He has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

**All** He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.

## **Blessing**

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

**All Amen.**

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

**All 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.

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

## ***A Final Hymn may be sung***

## **The Dismissal**

*Said from the back of the church*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

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