

Easter Communion 2020

The Greeting

Alleluia Christ is Risen
He is Risen indeed Alleluia.

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia
our salvation have procured; Alleluia
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia

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Prayer of Preparation

**Come Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful people,
And kindle in us the fire of your love,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

Payers of Penitence

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go
and be reconciled.'

As sisters and brothers in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for
forgiveness.

Matthew 5.24

Like Mary at the 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

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.

Amen.

The Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and
hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ

Amen.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the
week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and
the other Mary went to see the tomb. And
suddenly there was a great earthquake; for
an angel of the Lord, descending from
heaven, came and rolled back the stone and
sat on it. His appearance was like lightning,
and his clothing white as snow. For fear of
him the guards shook and became like dead
men. But the angel said to the women, "Do
not be afraid; I know that you are looking for
Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for
he has been raised, as he said. Come, see
the place where he lay. Then go quickly and
tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from
the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of
you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This
is my message for you." So they left the

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tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us affirm on this most holy of days our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

I 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?

I 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?

I believe and trust in him.

This the faith of the Church.

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

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'My Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the risen Lord

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, ...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life !

Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love.

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory, ...

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The Eucharistic 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

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said:

This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this
cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all
the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president receives communion on behalf
of us all.*

Prayers after Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave
your only-begotten Son to the death of the
cross, and by his glorious resurrection have
delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may
evermore live with him in the joy of his risen
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**We may not have seen you for ourselves,
Lord Jesus, but we know that you are alive!**

**Help us to share you with our families and
friends and everyone we meet.**

**Lord, bless us this Easter Day.
Amen.**

The Blackburn Diocesan Vision 2026 Prayer
Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for
us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to
grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your
vision, ears to hear the prompting of your
Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps
of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ.
Amen.

Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the
dead,
open to you who believe the gates of
everlasting life.
God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious
victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his
disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's
peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Hymn

*He has risen, He has risen
He has risen, Jesus is alive*

When the life flowed from his body,
seemed like Jesus' mission failed.
But his sacrifice accomplished
vict'ry over sin and hell.

*He has risen, He has risen
He has risen, Jesus is alive*

In the grave God did not leave him
for his body to decay.
Raised to life the great awak'ning,
Satan's pow'r he overcame.

*He has risen, He has risen
He has risen, Jesus is alive*

If there were no resurrection,
we ourselves could not be raised.
But the Son of God is living,
so our hope is not in vain.

*He has risen, He has risen
He has risen, Jesus is alive*

When the Lord rides out of heaven,
mighty angels at his side,
they will sound the final trumpet,
from the grave we shall arise.

*He has risen, He has risen
He has risen, Jesus is alive*

He has given life immortal,
we shall see him face to face.
Through eternity we'll praise him,
Christ the Champion of our faith.

*He has risen, He has risen
He has risen, Jesus is alive*

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