The Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

The opening hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (CP 203)
Jesus Christ is risen today, al-le-lu-ia! / our triumphant holy day, al-le-lu-ia!
who did once, upon the cross, al-le-lu-ia! / suffer to redeem our loss, al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, al-le-lu-ia! / unto Christ our heavenly King, al-le-lu-ia!
who endured the cross and grave, al-le-lu-ia! / sinners to redeem and save, al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he endured, al-le-lu-ia! / our salvation have procured; al-le-lu-ia!
now above the sky he’s king, al-le-lu-ia! / where the angels ever sing, al-le-lu-ia!

The presiding celebrant greets the community.
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
People May he fill our hearts with joy.

Glory to God
Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All 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.

Collect
All 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 Proclamation of the Word

The Readings A first reading as appointed.
Reader A reading from Acts 10:34-43

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At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,
   The word of the Lord.

People   Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept. Then shall follow a psalm as appointed.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 responsively be the half verse

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
2 Let Israel now proclaim, ”His mercy endures for ever.”
14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
16 ”The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
   the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them;
   I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 ”This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.”
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

On Sundays and major festivals a second reading as appointed is read.

Reader  A reading from Colossians 3:1-4

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,
   The word of the Lord.

People   Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: We Walk by Faith (CP 244)
We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e’er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.
The Gospel is introduced in this manner:

Reader The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:1-18.
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon
A silence for reflection may follow. The Nicene Creed shall be said on major festivals.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
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:
        by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. 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.

The Prayers of the People

A deacon or lay member of the community leads the Prayers of the People.
15 Easter
(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

   Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

   Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

   Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

   Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

   Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

   Hear us, Lord of glory!

Confession and Absolution

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Celebrant   Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
            Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant   Most merciful God,
            we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
            We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
            For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.
Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The hymn: Alleluia No. 1 (CP 405)

Refrain. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. Refrain.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth; Jesus has died and is risen. Refrain.

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live for ever. Refrain.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Here follows one of the proper prefaces on pp. 218–226.

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All**

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

**Celebrant**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People**

Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Celebrant** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And 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.

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Fracture Sentence, Easter Season

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All Now we are raised to new life.
Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
All Now we share in your resurrection.
Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
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.

Celebrant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more 
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, 
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The closing hymn: Yours be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son (CP 210)
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son: 
endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away, 
kept the folded grave-clothes where you body lay. Refrain.
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son: 
endless is the victory over death you won.

See! 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 is living; death has lost its sting. Refrain.

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life: 
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife; 
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love; 
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. Refrain.
Dismissal

*The celebrant may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,*

Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*    *Thanks be to God.*