

Easter Day

INTRODUCTION

The Easter Garden may be blessed.

INTROIT HYMN— **818** *Celebration Hymnal*

In the name of the Father,
and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed
for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting
away all malice and evil and confessing our
sins with a sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy.

℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

℟. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread:

Lord, have mercy.

℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us ✠ our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**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.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Lord of all life and power, who through the
mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the
old order of sin and death to make all things
new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign
with him in glory; to whom with you and the
Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and
might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year C

FIRST READING

Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the
house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that
God shows no partiality, but in every nation
anyone who fears him and does what is right
is acceptable to him. You know the message he
sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by
Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message
spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John announced: how
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and with power; how he went about do-
ing good and healing all who were oppressed
by the devil, for God was with him. We are
witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and
in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hang-
ing him on a tree; but God raised him on the
third day and allowed him to appear, not to all
the people but to us who were chosen by God
as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him
after he rose from the dead. He commanded
us to preach to the people and to testify that

he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *from Ps 118*

R. This is the day of the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (*All repeat*)

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his loving mercy never fails.

Let every son of Israel say that his love endures for ever. *R.*

Victorious is the Lord’s right hand, the Lord’s right hand has raised me up.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. *R.*

The stone which the builders refused has become the chief corner-stone.

This is the Lord’s own work, and it is marvellous in our eyes. *R.*

SECOND READING *1 Cor 15.19–26*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN—**322**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rev 1.17,18

Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one:

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 20.1–18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it

was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" – and that he had said these things to her.

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

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite the NICENE CREED.

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, (*all bow*) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*all rise*) 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.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

∨. Lord, hear us. ℞. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ∨. Lord, in your mercy, ℞. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∨. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℞. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All *stand* as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **58**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

In the joy of Easter, Lord, we offer you this sacrifice by which your Church is wonderfully reborn and sustained; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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 him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.
**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.**

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life.**
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.
**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.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.
**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.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.
Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN— **735**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.
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.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was
raised from the dead, open to you who be-
lieve the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

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

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord
breathed into his disciples, 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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN— **728**

The service may be followed by REGINA CÆLI.
Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

∇. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:
℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought
joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that
through the intercession of his mother the
Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of
eternal life; through the same Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**