

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In Eastertide this renewal vows may replace the Creed.

The President says

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, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

All **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

All **I renounce evil.**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

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

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

The President concludes

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

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EASTERTIDE



The Easter Day Service of Light

On Easter Day the service may start outside, or at the entrance to the church. The people gather round the Easter Candle and ministers.

The President says

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

This is the day which the Lord has made
All **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 Paschal Candle may be marked as the President says.

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.

A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying

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

The minister carrying the candle raises it and says or sings

Christ our light.
All **Thanks be to God.**

People may light their candles from the Easter Candle. Children may be encouraged to carry the light to people throughout the Church. The procession moves further into the building and then stops. The versicle and response are repeated. When the minister carrying the candle arrives at the front of the Church it is placed on a stand in the midst of the building, and all other candles in the church are now lit.

Exsultet

The first part of the Easter Song of Praise which is called Exsultet may be said or sung by a minister, or this form may be sung by the congregation, or else the Easter Hymn "Jesus Christ is risen today" may be sung.

Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your King in glorious symphony!

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past: the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult your joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!

The metre is 10.10.10.10. "Woodlands" is a suitable tune.

When the ministers and people are in their places the Holy Communion in celebration of the Resurrection begins.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The president says a prayer of thanksgiving and then all say this Post Communion prayer together.

All **You have opened to us the Scriptures,**
O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Dismissal

A post-communion hymn may be sung.

The President may use this or another suitable blessing.

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead
open to you who believe the gate 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 minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**
Alleluia! Alleluia!

A hymn may be sung during which the ministers depart.



Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.

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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says this invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The president may add these words.

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 with thanksgiving.]



The president and people receive communion.

Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and are in good standing in their own Church may receive Communion.

*Any person may come to the altar for a blessing.
Hold a book, or cross the palms of your hands across your chest for a blessing.*

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service

The Gathering

*When there is no Easter Day Service of Light
a hymn is sung as the ministers enter.*

The Greeting

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia Christ is risen,

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

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says the invitation to confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

The president says this or some other absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**



Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in excelsis may be used

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

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
"Let us pray" or a more specific bidding.
The Collect is the special Prayer of the Day,
to which all respond*

All **Amen.**



The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

*One or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.
At the end of each the reader may say.*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn or psalm may follow the reading(s).

Gospel Reading

*Stand, and turn to face the gospeller.
When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Either the contemporary or traditional form may be used.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.**

Or in the traditional form.

Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us

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.**



Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many f
or the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Either of these acclamations may be used.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

(or)

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Sit. Listen to the Word of God explained in the sermon.

The Creed

Stand.

*Either the Creed is said,
or else the Renewal of Baptismal Vows
which is on the back cover*

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.**

*If there are Baptisms they may replace
the Creed and the Intercession.*



Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers with these or other words.

In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ,
let us prayer to the Father.

*A minister or any person may introduce biddings.
These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**
(or)
Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
(or)
Let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord have mercy.**

*The President concludes the intercession
with these words, or else with a collect.*

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



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand.

*The president introduces the Peace using these
or similar words:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn may be sung.

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
The Altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given
and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

*These words may be said in place of
or in addition to those above*

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

The president says

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**
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 your 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.**