

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley



*He is risen*

**Easter Day**  
**Combined Holy Communion**



## We gather in God's presence (Gathering)

### Processional Hymn

*We stand to sing.*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He has given us new life and hope.**

He has raised Jesus from the dead.  
**God has claimed us as his own.**

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

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

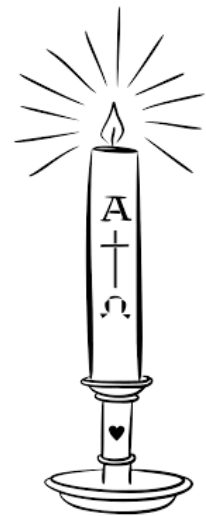


### We light the Paschal Candle (Easter Candle)

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
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 paschal candle is lit.*



May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.  
The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God**



## **Prayer at the Easter Garden**

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.'

*The stone is rolled away.*

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others.

**Amen.**

## **We say sorry to God (Confession)**

*We sit or kneel.*



Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and wrong doing and ask for forgiveness of our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty 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**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We stand to sing.*



***Gloria (clap, clap), gloria (clap, clap), in excelsis Deo.***

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**Lord, God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.**

***Gloria, gloria...***

**Jesus, saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God  
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

***Gloria, gloria...***

**At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.**

***Gloria, gloria...***

**Glory, Father and Son, glory, Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify you name.**

***Gloria, gloria...***

## **The Prayer of the Day (The Collect)**

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*We respond:*

**Amen.**

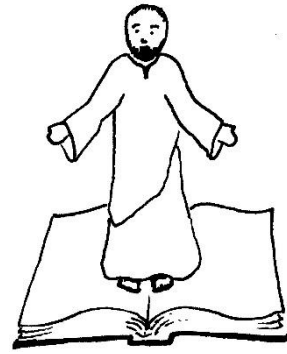
## **We hear God's Word (Readings)**

*We sit.*

### **First Reading**

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**



## **Gradual Hymn**

*We stand to sing.*

## **(Pre-talk)**

*(We sit.)*

### **Gospel Reading**

*We stand for the Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [N]  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

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

## **Talk & Children's Hymn.**

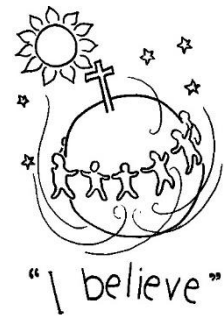
*We sit.*



## **We affirm what we believe (The Creed)**

*We stand to affirm our faith.*

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

## **We pray (Our Intercessions)**

*We sit or kneel.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of our prayers, we say:*

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



## **We share in God's peace together (The Peace)**

*We stand.*

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! The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All are invited to share a sign of peace in whatever way feels comfortable to you.*

## Offertory Hymn

*We remain standing to sing.*

## We share in Communion (The Eucharistic Prayer)

*We remain standing.*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

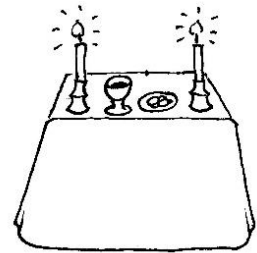
**His spirit is with us.**

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.**



We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ, and he reigns for ever.

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

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, with the angels and archangels, we sing your praise as we acclaim:

*We sing.*

**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 thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.'

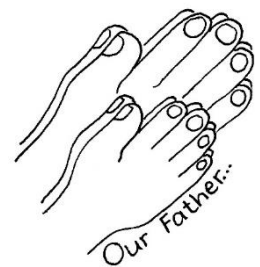
So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with all your saints we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever. **Amen**

*We sit or kneel.*

As children of God, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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 Breaking of Bread**

*The priest breaks the communion bread*

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

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



## **Agnus Dei**

*We sing.*

**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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you usually receive the bread and wine in any Christian church, you are welcome to receive here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the communion rail, and simply keep your hands by your sides.*

*Receiving communion is a quiet and prayerful time.*

## **(Choir Anthem &) Communion Hymn**

*As we receive Holy Communion, a choir anthem is sung followed by a hymn for everyone to join in with. The words will appear on the screen.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*After communion a short time of quiet is kept for personal prayer, then we pray together:*

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.**

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit keep us always in your love  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **We ask for God's blessing (Blessing)**

*We stand.*

*A special prayer is offered asking God to help us and be with us in all that lies ahead, ending with a prayer for God's blessing:*

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

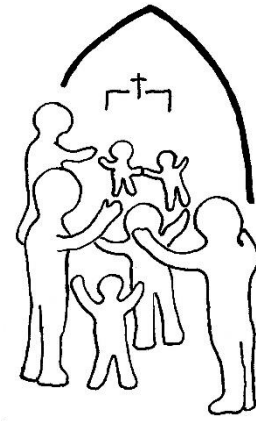
God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

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.**

## Closing Hymn

*We remain standing to sing.*



## The sending out (Dismissal)

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary

**Everyone is welcome after the service to share refreshments together on this special Sunday.**