



St Edward the Confessor Church
Dringhouses, York



Holy Communion
Eastertide

Welcome to the Season of Easter.

In the 1930's Soviet Union, a story is told of Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin who visited Kyiv (then Kiev) and took part in a mass rally where he was the main speaker. He spoke for an hour or so extolling the virtues of the Bolshevik party and its atheist philosophy, and in particular attacking Christianity. He deployed every argument at his disposal to convince the crowd that atheism was the only true path and at the end of his speech he asked if there were any questions. At that point a Parish Priest asked if he could just say something. Getting up on the podium in front of the crowd, the priest slowly looked around and then declared "Christ is Risen!" and the crowd roared back, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

The Resurrection is the event that transfigured history. In it we see life and hope, and a world where nothing is beyond the power of God to make a difference. Suddenly, in the midst of all the problems of the world there are possibilities, not least the possibility of peace and reconciliation with God and with others.

In taking the pain and suffering of the world into Himself on the Cross, Jesus has broken the power of sin and death and opened up the way to life and hope.

And so we celebrate!

And as we celebrate, we pray that God will pour out his Holy Spirit and refresh us with that same resurrection life of Jesus to be able to live well with God and with one another.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**WE GATHER
OPENING HYMN**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

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

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'.
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

A minister uses these or other suitable words to introduce the confession

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.4

or from Ascension to Pentecost

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought
and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

The minister says this, or an alternative prayer of absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 prayer for the day is said and all respond **Amen**.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading

At the end of the reading the reader says;
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Gospel (*standing*) *when announced*

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

At the end the reader says:

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

The Sermon

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

WE PRAY

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

and at the end

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

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

The Peace

The minister says

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.

John 20.19, 20

or from Ascension to Pentecost

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

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

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

**Father, by your Holy Spirit
you keep the Church in unity and truth.
As we break bread together,
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,
now and for ever.
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.

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.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

OR

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion is administered at the front of the church. You will be guided by the sidespeople.

If you are visiting and you would normally receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to do so here.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate to the person administering.

If you do not intend to receive Communion you are welcome to come forward to the altar step for a blessing. Please hold this service booklet in your hands as an indication to the ministers.

You are also welcome to remain in your seat and take time to pray or join in with the Communion Hymns that will be displayed on the screens in Church.

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

This or another suitable blessing is used

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

or from Ascension to Pentecost

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Having met with the Living God and with the rest of the Christian family in this service, we continue our journey through Easter, seeking to live out our faith in Jesus in a world that desperately needs to know that Good Friday is not the end of the story and that there is hope!

You may find these prayers helpful as you journey through this week:

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





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