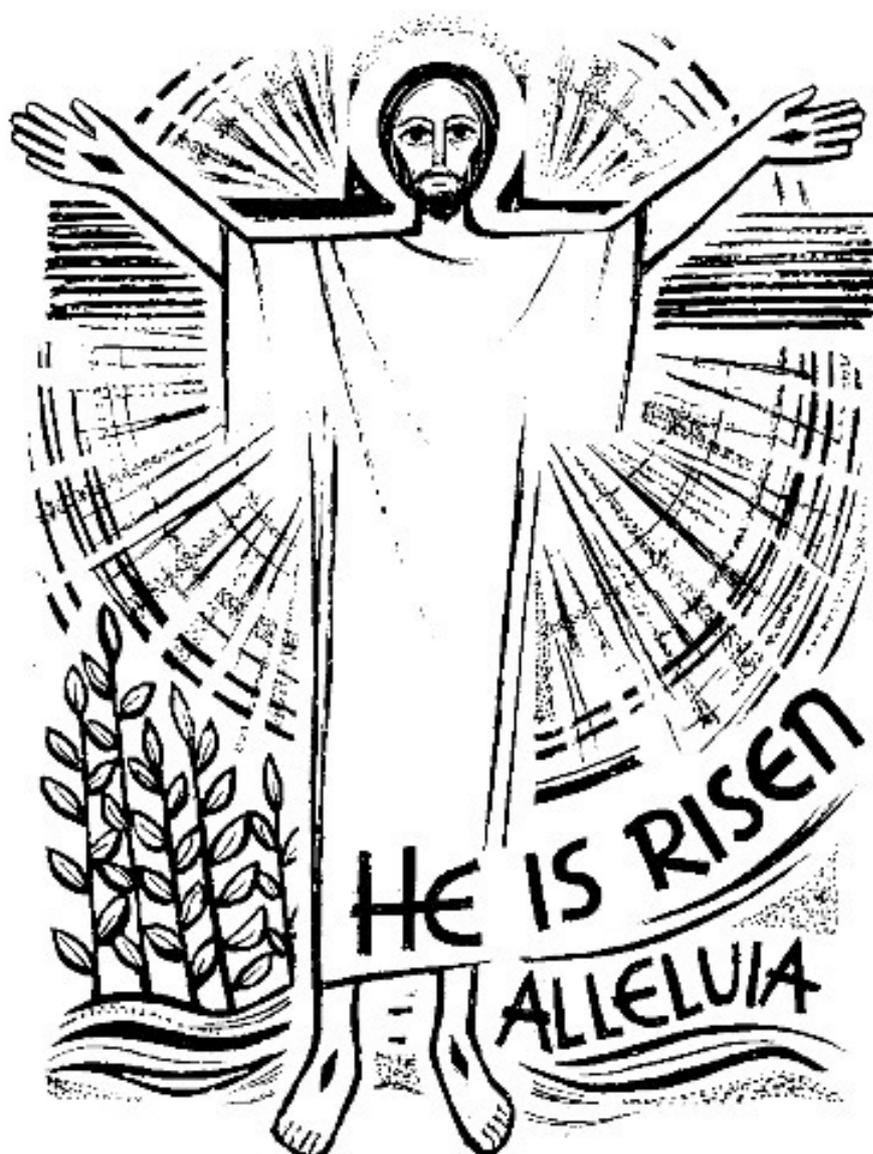


The Parish Church of St Faith Great Crosby

The Liturgy of Easter Day



The Gathering

The ministers gather for the procession. One of them brings in the lit Easter Candle. Before the procession moves, the President says:

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 forever. Amen.

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

A hymn may be sung. The procession moves to the Easter Garden.

Prayers at the Easter Garden

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 forever.

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

The following is read:

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. *(Matthew 28: 5-6)*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and forever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead. By your blessing, may we who have prepared this
garden in celebration of his victory

be strengthened in faith,

know the power of his presence

and rejoice in the hope of his eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God forever.

The president then says this prayer:

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 out to share the
good news with others.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

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.

A period of silent reflection may follow.

Like Mary Magdalene 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

Absolution

The president pronounces God's love and forgiveness:
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.**

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

A fanfare may be played, bells rung, cymbals clashed and noise made.

The Gloria

**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

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope:
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit.

The Old Testament Reading

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Easter Anthems (or a Psalm may be said or sung)

Refrain: Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia

Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: •

so let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old leaven of malice and evil: •

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

(I Corinthians 5.7b, 8)

Refrain: Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia

Christ being raised from the dead
will never die again: •
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death he died he died to sin once for all: •
in living he lives to God.

Refrain: Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia

So consider yourselves dead to sin: •
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Romans 6.9-11)

Christ has been raised from the dead: •
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Refrain: Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia

For since by a man came death: •
by a man has come also
the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die: •
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Refrain: Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia

The Epistle

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Alleluia.

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

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

All Sit.

Sermon
There may be a short period of silence after the sermon.

The Creed
Let us declare our faith in God.
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.**

The Prayers

*All kneel or sit. Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered.
The following response may be used:*

Leader: Jesus, Lord of life,

Response: in your mercy hear us.

The prayers may be ended as follows:

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy hear us,

accept our prayer and be with us always.

Merciful Father...

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All stand and sing:
Offertory hymn*

Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord Jesus, we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that
burns within us, that we may bring light to your world. **Amen.**

**Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours: all things come of you,
and of your own do we give you.**



The Eucharistic 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 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 all the powers of heaven
sing forever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, St Faith, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

*All kneel or sit for:
The Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as
our Saviour has 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 the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

Agnus Dei

**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 your peace.**

OR

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.

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Welcome

*At the distribution of communion, the minister says to each
communicant:*

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ

*and each responds: **Amen.***

After Communion, there is a moment of silence and then the Regina Coeli is rung on the bell and all sing:

**Queen of Heaven, rejoice this day. Alleluia!
He whom you were called to bear Alleluia!
As he promised, has arisen, Alleluia!
Pour for us, to God, your prayer. Alleluia**

Prayer After Communion

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.

Notices may be given here.



The Dismissal

Hymn

Acclamation

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 lights to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Dismissal Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. *(John 11:25-26)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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 from the grave has won a glorious victory give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

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.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

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