

The Parish Church of St Faith Great Crosby

The Eucharist in **Easter tide**



The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single period festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the seven following weeks, as the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

*Fifty days for our delight, for Christ is risen as all things tell;
Good Christian, see ye rise as well.*

Early Christians gave the name of Pentecost to this seven week period of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (laetissimum spatium). It is also known as the 'Great Sunday.' The Paschal Candle stand prominently in Church throughout this season, the Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech, Morning Prayer begins with the Easter Anthems and white or gold vestments emphasise the joy and brightness of the season.

The Gathering

Hymn

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.**

The Gloria

All sing:

**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

*To which all respond: **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.

Remain seated for:

The Psalm

Remain seated for:

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 bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Sermon

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

The Affirmation of 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.

(cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

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.

Amen.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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.

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

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;

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ

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

Prayer After Communion

All stand for the post-communion prayer, to which all respond:
Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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.

Blessing:

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ as raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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