

St John the Baptist, Hey



EASTER

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



ALLELUJA

The Easter Liturgy with Holy Baptism

For most, the service begins outside the Church in darkness. The Easter fire is lit. The President introduces the Liturgy.

The Service of Light

The President blesses the fire and the Easter Candle and then lights the Easter candle from the Fire. The Easter candle is lifted high and the first proclamation is made

The light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

The Ministers and people enter the church in procession. At the entrance to the nave the candle is lifted high again and the second proclamation is made: The peoples' candles are lit from the Easter Candle:

The light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

The people go to their seats. The procession continues to the chancel steps, the candle is lifted high once again and the third proclamation is made:

The light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

The candle is placed in its stand and all other candles in the Church are lit from it. The fourth Easter proclamation is made:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Exsultet

Either the Song of Praise is sung by the Liturgical Deacon or the Easter Song of Praise is sung without musical accompaniment to tune Woodlands

**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 with joy outpoured!
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people shout the long Amen!**



Gloria in Excelsis Deo

A fanfare is played, bells are rung to welcome Easter, the Church lights are put on and Gloria in Excelsis Deo is sung:

**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 sins 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 of the day

Let us pray
Silence is held as we remain standing

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

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A hymn may be sung

Gospel

We turn to face the book:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia - **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**
Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to..
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia - **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Liturgy of Baptism

Everyone moves to the font, baptism party at the front. If there is to be a Baptism, the Minister introduces the Candidates for Baptism. If the candidates for Baptism are old enough the minister asks if they wish to be baptised.

To candidate is it your wish to be baptised

They reply: **I do.**

The Minister addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will

The President then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and Godparents, the Church receives *these children* with joy, Today we are trusting God for *their* growth in faith. Will you pray for *them*, draw *them* by your example into the community of faith and walk with *them* in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Minister addresses the candidates directly, or through their parents, godparents and everyone else who wishes to renew their baptismal vows.

.....affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions of you all:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The Minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each Candidate for Baptism, saying:
Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

*The minister may invite others to sign the candidates as well.
When all have finished:*

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified
**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin,
the world and the devil, and remain faithful to
Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore you in the image of his glory, and lead you in the light
and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*The President blesses the font and the candle is lowered into the
waters of baptism. After it is raised the third time all sing:*

**Come, flowing waters pure and clear,
God's Holy Spirit bringing near,
Let us praise him, alleluia!
Join man to man in peace and love,
With life you give us from above.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Brothers and sisters, let us all affirm, together with these who
are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

The Baptism

*If the candidate(s) can answer for themselves, the Minister may
say to each one*

.....is this your faith. ?

Each candidate answers in their own words, or

This is my faith.

The Minister pours water on them saying:

*.....I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*The people are invited to come forward to the Font to make the
sign of the Cross on their foreheads with water. This is done as
a reminder of their own Baptisms. Again we sing:*

**Come, flowing waters pure and clear,
God's Holy Spirit bringing near,
Let us praise him, alleluia!
Join man to man in peace and love,
With life you give us from above.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

The President introduces the peace and says:

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
And also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange the peace with a special Easter greeting

Offer: **The Lord is risen.**

Reply: **He is risen indeed.**

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion

Preparation of the Table

A hymn is sung during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar and a collection may be gathered up

The Eucharist Prayer

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.

.....singing:

**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.**

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

..be yours for ever and ever
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

We sit or kneel to pray together:

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Receiving Communion

If you receive communion at any Christian Church you are welcome to receive Holy Communion here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed.

Silence is kept or hymns may be sung during the distribution

Prayer after Communion

The Priest leads a Post Communion prayer

We then will all pray together:

**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

A hymn will be sung.

The Blessing

Amen

Giving of a lighted candle

Baptism party are invited to the front where all the newly baptized will receive a candle:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

*Please remain standing while the ministers and choir depart
A voluntary is played.*

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