

The Meon Bridge Benefice

Corhampton & St Andrew, Meonstoke,
St Mary & All Saints, Droxford,
and St Peter & St Paul, Exton



The Eucharist
(Order One)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Eucharist

Vestry Prayer

Heavenly Father,
you called us to your service in the ministry of praise:
Grant us grace to serve you faithfully:
for you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to show forth your praise.

Help us to worship you with understanding,
with reverence, and with joy;
for the glory of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Father, grant that, with pure hearts and hallowed lives,
we may show forth your praise.

Let our participation in these holy mysteries be for us both
a foretaste of that heavenly city
which you have prepared for us,
and may it also revive of our zeal to remain true to our vocation.

As watchmen look for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ;
come with the dawning of the day,
and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread;
for you are our God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Hymns can be found in AMNS (The Red Book)

- 140 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
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*Be still
and know
that I am
God*
-PSALM 46:10

The Gathering

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise Him whose way of pain ye trod,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all.

Ye prophets who our freedom won,
Ye searchers, great and small,
By whom the work of truth is done,
Now crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthrall;
Lift high the universal song,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
Crown Him Lord of all.

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Edward Perronet (1726 – 1792)

MILES LANE

William Shrubsole (1760 – 1806)

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The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Or

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

On Easter Day to Pentecost:.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Welcome to our Eucharist in the closing stages of Eastertide. It is our joy to remember that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself. Specifically, this is the Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost, and the Seventh of Easter. There is some evidence that the ascension was first celebrated on the fiftieth day of Easter, but it was soon moved to the fortieth day in faithfulness to Luke's chronology. Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

The Pentecost comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, meaning 'fiftieth'; because it is the fiftieth of fifty days of celebration. Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication. Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own.

After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's disciples are born again of water and the spirit.

Prayer of Preparation

Let us prepare ourselves to meet the Risen and Ascended Lord in Word and Sacrament,
in praise and in prayer.

**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

Invitation to confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

cf 1 Corinthians 2.9

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**



The president gives absolution using these or other seasonal words

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

**(Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest)
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.**

**(Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest)**

**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.**

**(Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest)**

**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).**

**(Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest)**

The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.
The Collect is said.*

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you,
leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where
our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Let us pray.

The Collect for Church Growth

God of mission,
you alone bring growth to your church,
send your holy spirit to give:

Vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.

Fill the people of the Benefice with the Holy Spirit
as they come to know you through your Son, Jesus Christ,
and help your church in our benefice to grow
in spiritual commitment to you,
in service to our local communities
and in numbers committed to you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said,
‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?
This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1.6-14

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The reader may say

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn
Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
NATIVITY
Henry Lahee (1826-1912)
Performance: Rev. Clyde McLennan
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Gospel Reading

Please remain standing.

The reader may greet the Gospel with the following words or with a seasonal acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

John 17.1-11

At the end:

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

After the Gospel

May the words of the gospel
wipe away our sins.



Sermon

In the gospel, we find Jesus praying at the end of his earthly life. In the first part of his prayer, Jesus asks that his 'hour' will glorify the Father. When Saint John writes 'the hour', he's not referring to one event lasting 60 minutes, but as something made up of the life, death, resurrection and the appearances of Jesus.

His talk of 'glory' and glorification echo the Old Testament idea of glory being God's power being revealed. To see God is to experience his power, his will and his glory. When God's glory is revealed through people, it is because they do his will and make his power real in the world. So we can see Jesus revealing the hidden glory of God in his triumphs on earth. More than this, Jesus has the power to give eternal life.

Through Jesus we have life eternal. The way to eternal life is to know God and to know Jesus Christ. I believe in the idea of eternal life is not about quantity, a number of years, but it is more about quality. Eternal life is a certain quality of life.

It is a life lived in the awareness of the presence and power of God and of his son Jesus Christ. That is why St John says, whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life' (1 John 5:12).

Although it is very necessary for us to know with our minds, the knowledge of God here demands more, really knowing through the deepest sort of relationship with him. It is to know him in that way, that we become one with him. The fullness of life depends on maintaining a relationship with the Father and the Son, through the Holy Spirit. If we break with that relationship, we are in danger of no longer having eternal life.

God does not break that relationship with us, and if we turn or return to him, he will welcome us home. Our joy is to know that we can abide in him and he abides in us -- and this is the beginning of eternal life.

You may have read or heard about the extract in Shackleton's diary from his 1922 expedition to the Antarctic. They had a very tough time, crossing mountainous seas to get there, battling through blizzards over snowfields and ice.

Recalling a particularly tough march of 36 hours over mountains and glaciers, he wrote that it seemed to him that they were not three in their party, as had set off, but rather four. He did not mention this to his companions, but afterwards one of the others, Worsley, said to him, 'Boss, I had a curious feeling in the march that there was another person with us'. Our challenge is to affirm in our lives that God is with us and travels wherever we go.

Thy Kingdom Come 2020

In 2016, under the banner of *Thy Kingdom Come*, the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York invited the Church of England to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. *Thy Kingdom Come* has since grown into a global and ecumenical prayer movement. The hope is that people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - individually or as a household; and, that people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ in new and creative ways in these times of Pandemic.

You might consider carrying a card with the names of five people for whom you would pray in any spare moment that they would come to know Jesus.

Or do as many others do, take a walk or whatever length you choose – around your garden if you like – but make it a prayer walk, observing all the Government's guidance on exercising outdoors safely but also be attentive to the wonders of God's creation. Pray for

the coming of the Holy Spirit where you discern his action is most needed and give thanks for what is good in the world or in your life.

Jesus commissioned his disciples to continue his work after the Ascension, he promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower them so that they and we can focus our attention on mission as they did. Jesus is no longer among humankind in the flesh, so it is down to us to do his work, clothed in the Holy Spirit.

Amen



The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

Lord Jesus our healer,
pray for the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, who attended to the needs of all,
widows, orphans and those shut out from society,
pray for the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus with whom we share a Father,
pray for our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, who has brought countless individuals
into fellowship and ever closer unity of spirit,
pray for a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises ...
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service ...
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand when the President says these or other seasonal words:

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf Ephesians 1.13,14

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



Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The president takes the bread and wine.

At the Preparation of the Gifts

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Lord God,
we ask you to receive us and
be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you
with humble and contrite hearts. Amen.

Ablutions

Lord, wash away my iniquity;
cleanse me from my sin. Amen

The president:

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



HYMN

Hail the day that sees him rise!

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluya!
To his throne above the skies; Alleluya!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluya!
Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluya!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluya!
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluya!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!

Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya!
Yet he loves the earth He leaves: Alleluya!
Though returning to His thrones, Alleluya!
Still he calls mankind His own. Alleluya!

See! He lifts His hands above; Alleluya!
See! He shows the prints of love; Alleluya!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow Alleluya!
Blessings on His Church below. Alleluya!

Still for us He intercedes, Alleluya!
His prevailing death He pleads, Alleluya!
Near Himself prepares our place, Alleluya!
He the first-fruits of our race. Alleluya!

Lord, though parted from our sight Alleluya!
Far above the starry height, Alleluya!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!
Seeking Thee above the skies. Alleluya!

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluya!
Charles Wesley (1717-88), T Cottrill (1178-1823) and others
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Robert Williams (1781 – 1821
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Eucharistic Prayer

The president says

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.

The President prays a Eucharistic Prayer using these seasonal words:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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 Andrew, St Peter and St Paul, 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

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 peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says one of the invitations to communion

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**



Giving of Communion and Spiritual Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
Alleluia.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.**

**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

The president receives communion.

Act of Spiritual Reception

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

Prayer of Oblation

O LORD and heavenly Father,
we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching you to grant,
that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn

O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist Didst Pray

O Thou, who at Thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

For all Thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make Thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to Thee, O Prince of Peace;
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

We pray Thee too for wand'ers from Thy fold;
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all Thy Church above,
One with Thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with Thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessèd still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer is followed by:

**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

Seasonal Blessing

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.



A minister says these or other seasonal words of dismissal

Easter

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

The ministers and people depart.

Hymn

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment, pray we
Lest we fail to know thee now,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee,
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee,
Branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia!
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Thy offering, finished
Once for all when Thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life imparting Heavenly manna,
Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship Thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified!

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Vestry Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Go before us, O Lord,
in all we do with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help;
that in all our works, begun,
continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy Name,
and finally by thy mercy,
receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

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Come, let us join our cheerful songs

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NATIVITY

Henry Lahee (1826-1912)

Performance: Rev. Clyde McLennan

Hail the day that sees Him rise!

Charles Wesley (1717-88), T Cottrill (1178-1823) and others

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