

A Service of Eucharist for Eastertide

The Gathering

Opening hymn

Christ is our corner-stone
*recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-
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Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled;
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

Oh then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

Urbs beata Jerusalem
Anonymous Latin, John Chandler (1806-1876)

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:
All Amen.

The Lord be with you:
All And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
All He is risen indeed, Alleluia

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
**All He has given us new life and hope by raising
Jesus from the dead**

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
All He is risen indeed, Alleluia

Prayer of Preparation

**All 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.**

Confession & Absolution

In Baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead we might walk in newness of life.

Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**All 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.**

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.

All **Amen.**

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 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

Let us pray

Generous God,
whose way is love,
whose truth is searching,
whose life is freely given
in Jesus Christ our Lord:
as you have opened for us,
a house of many rooms,
so may we make a place
for the rejected and unloved,
and share in the work of peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord
All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Acclamation

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All Alleluia

He has defeated the powers of death.

All Alleluia

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All Alleluia

He has the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14: 1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sermon

Creed

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**All 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

This response, or another, may be used:

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

At the end we may say:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

All And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you

The Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
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.
All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All **It is right to give thanks and praise**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and *saying*:

**All 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 God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

All Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

All Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.
All Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.
All Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.
All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.
All Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.
All Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with [*N and*] all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation
As our Saviour taught us we are bold to say:

**All 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 forever.
Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion. For those unable to receive bread and wine this prayer may be used.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,

and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

All 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.

Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious
victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All 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.

All Amen

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you
this day and always

All Amen

He is not here. He is risen.

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

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

Closing hymn

To God be the glory

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To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;

And give him the glory - great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God!

The vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives:

Chorus

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:

Chorus

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby) (1820-1915)