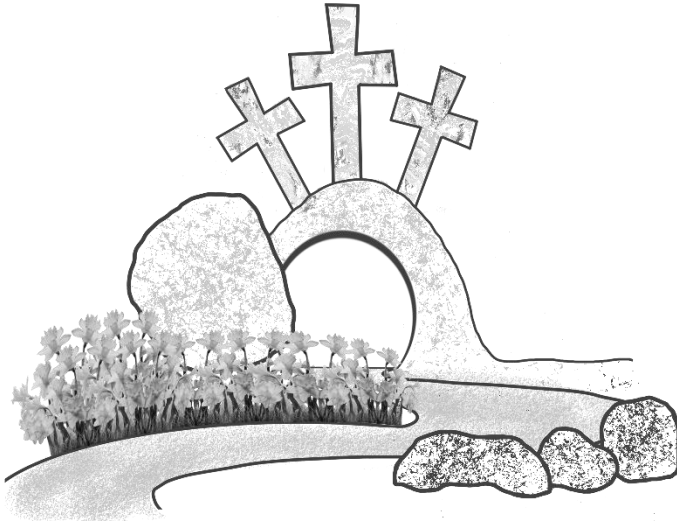




**St. Michael and All Angels
Amersham on the Hill**



**HOLY EUCHARIST
EASTERTIDE**

A warm welcome to this service

This booklet is designed for use during Eastertide and includes guidance notes. Do please ask a "Welcomer" if you need any further help.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Our key Eastertide themes are of light out of darkness and newness of life. The celebration colours of gold and white reappear in church decoration and vestments, emphasising the joy and brightness of this season of fifty days.

During Eastertide we encounter the fullness of resurrection life through some of the most well-known and well-loved stories of Jesus, including his appearance before Thomas as Lord and God, accompanying others as a stranger on the road to Emmaus, and cooking breakfast for the disciples on the shores of Lake Galilee. In John's gospel we are given the imagery of Jesus as Shepherd, and every day during Eastertide set readings from the Acts of the Apostles remind us that this is our story too, as the first Christians discover how to recognise the risen Christ in their lives and in each other.

The Gathering

Introit

Processional Hymn

Please stand, if able.

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Acclamation

All Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
All **He has given us new life and hope.**
He has raised Jesus from the dead.
God has claimed us as his own.
All **He has brought us out of darkness.**
He has made us light to the world.
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Please sit.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Invitation to Confession

Deacon In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

(cf Romans 6.4)

Please remain seated or kneel.

Confession

All Like Mary 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.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand, if able.

All **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

The priest gathers together, or collects, our prayers.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

(Readings and Psalm on Notice Sheet)

Old Testament Reading

All For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Choir – all sing responses.

New Testament Reading

All For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Gospel Reading

Please turn to face the Gospel.

Deacon Alleluia, **alleluia.**
Jesus said, "All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.
Alleluia, **alleluia.**

(cf John 6.40)

or

Deacon Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia.**
He has defeated the powers of death. **Alleluia.**
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **Alleluia.**
He has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

The Gospel is proclaimed.

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand, if able.

President 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

Please sit or kneel to pray.

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

or

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, if able.

For those who would like to, you are welcome to join hands as we sing or say the Peace.

President 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.

(John 20.19, 20)

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The President takes the bread and wine.*

Preparation of the Table

President Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All **Amen.**

or

President Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayers (Prayer D p.6, Prayer E p.8)

Eucharistic Prayer D

Please remain standing, if able.

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

All

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

All

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

All

This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

All This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer E

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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

All We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with angels and archangels.

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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.
All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Michael and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, in our own language, as our
Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

All Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
Now we share in your resurrection.
All **Live in us, that we may live in you.**

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.**

or

All **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

All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
After receiving the bread and the wine, please respond "Amen"
or, if you would like a blessing, please place your hands across
your chest.*

Post Communion Hymn

Please stand, if able.

Post Communion Prayer

The President leads.

Acclamation after Communion

- President* Here are words you may trust.
Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:
- All* **he is our salvation, our eternal glory.**
If we die with him, we shall live with him;
- All* **if we endure, we shall reign with him.**
If we deny him, he will deny us;
- All* **if we are faithless, he keeps faith.**
For he has broken the power of death
- All* **and brought life and immortality to light.**

Notices and Banns

The Dismissal

Blessing

- President* God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was 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.
- Deacon* He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
- All* **In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Recessional hymn verse

- All* **Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.
Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

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