

# All Age Service on Easter Day

## ¶ Gathering to worship God

Welcoming of the Easter candle into church

*The ministers gather at the back of church.  
The president says*

All Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega, all time  
belongs to him, and all ages;  
All **to him be glory and power,**  
through every age and for  
ever. **Amen.**



*The Easter candle is held up*

All Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*It is repeated louder each time*

## Welcome and Introduction Blessing of the Easter Garden

All The Lord has risen  
indeed. Alleluia!  
**Glory and kingship**  
be his for ever and  
ever. **Alleluia!**



All **Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalen** 2  
met you in the garden on the morning  
of your resurrection, so may we meet  
you today and every day: speak to us as  
you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the  
living Lord; renew our hope and kindle  
our joy; and send us to share the good  
news with others. **Amen.**

All **Dying you destroyed our death,**  
rising you restored our life Lord Jesus,  
come in glory.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## ¶ Saying Sorry to God

O Jesus Christ, risen master and  
triumphant Lord, we come to you in  
sorrow for our sins, and confess  
to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own  
strength, and not by the power of  
your resurrection.

All In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of  
our own eyes, as faithless and  
not believing.

All In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

All In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**



All **May almighty God,** 3  
who sent his Son into the world to save  
sinners, bring you his pardon and  
peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect  
*(Special Prayer  
for today)*



Praise

Blessed is the Lord,

All **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All **and in our song will we praise our God.**

## ¶ Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Reading

*After the reading this response may be used*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

*The Gospel is introduced by the reader*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to N....

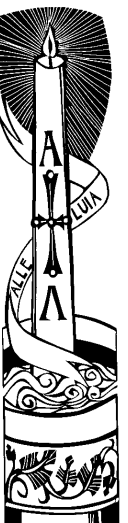
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Talk



## Affirmation of Faith

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**We believe in God the Father,  
by whose great mercy we have been  
born again to a living hope,  
through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who died for our sin,  
and rose again for our justification**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who bears witness with our spirit  
that we are the children of God.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers may include this response*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All hear our prayer.**

*The prayers may end with*

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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*As our Saviour taught us  
so we pray*

**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.**

*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 Peace

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

*We offer one another a sign of that peace  
by shaking hands with those around us.*



## We sing the final hymn

*during which the collection will be taken*



## ¶ Going out to serve God

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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.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**All He has brought us out of darkness  
into the freedom of light  
and made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**All Blessing, honour and glory be ours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**Please do not take this order  
of service away. Thank you.**