

## ORDER OF SERVICE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER EUCHARIST

**DEBORAH** welcomes us to worship

### Introit Hymn

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

*All* **Amen.**

### The Greeting

*President* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The president may repeat the acclamation, getting louder each time. The president then welcomes the people and sets out the eucharistic theme.*

### Prayers of Penitence

*DEBORAH* Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

*Silence is kept.*

*DEBORAH* Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*DEBORAH* Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

*DEBORAH* 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

*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**

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

*The president then leads the Collect, to which the congregation responds* **Amen.**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Old Testament Reading – read by Deborah**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

*At the end of the reading ...*

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

#### **New Testament Reading – read by Thandoh**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*At the end of the reading ...*

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

### **Gradual Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading – read by Owen**

*Reader* Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead,  
and behold I am alive for evermore.  
*All* **Alleluia.**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*At the end of the Gospel ..*

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

### **Sermon - Owen**

#### **Intercessions – led by Harriet**

*President* In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

*Please sit. Prayers are offered*

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

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*After the final prayer ...*

*Intercessor* God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy forever.  
Amen.**

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

#### **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.

*All* The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

*President* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words*  
**Christ is risen.**

#### **Offertory Hymn**

#### **Preparation of the Table**

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

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

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*President* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy  
Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things  
from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him  
to be born  
of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand  
on high.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us  
a people for your own possession.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* And now we give you thanks because in his  
victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the  
long reign of sin is ended,  
a broken world is being renewed and humanity is  
once again made whole.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever 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.**

*President* Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his  
command, grant that by the power of your Holy  
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* 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* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and  
this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord. Christ  
is the bread of life:

*All* **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

*President* Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of  
thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body  
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*President* Through him, and with him, and in him, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before  
you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father  
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*President* Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

*President*     **Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.**

*All*            **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

### **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.**

*(or)*

**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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

*President*     **Alleluia. Christ our Passover  
is sacrificed for us.**

*All*            **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Communion Hymn**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept. The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.  
All respond **Amen.***

## Notices

### Final Prayer

*DEBORAH*

We say together ...

*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 and Sending Out

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*President* God, who through the Resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### HYMN

*Our worship is over: our service begins.*