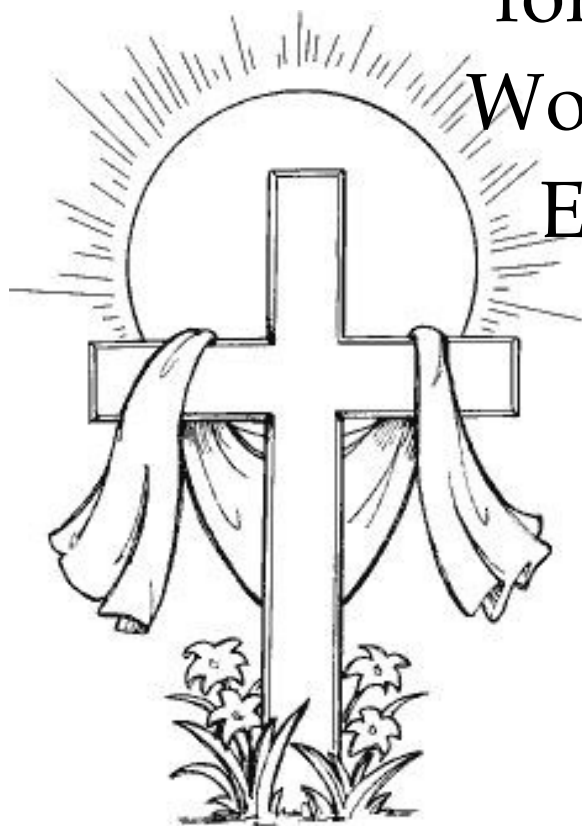


An order for the Holy Eucharist for All-Age Worship for Eastertide



the parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

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There is an induction loop system – switch to 'T' position.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please ask.



We Gather

We stand at the entry of the choir and clergy for the Gathering Hymn.
(All hymns and additional material can be found on the separate sheet.)

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

(or)

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and fresh hope!

Jesus is raised from the dead!
God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness!
He has made us light to the world.



Informal words of welcome.

Opening Prayer

**Faithful one, whose word is life:
Come with saving power to free our praise,
Inspire our prayer and shape our lives
For the Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

(or)

Let us come before God together as members of the same family-
parts of the body of Christ, loved and accepted by Jesus.

**Thank you, Jesus, for uniting us with the Father
so we can all be children of God.
Thank you that we are adopted into Your family by grace
and have a place where we belong and are eternally loved. Amen.**

We ask for God's forgiveness

The deacon says:

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the risen Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence for Reflection

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. **Christ have mercy.**

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

(or)

Dear God we want to follow you, when we let you down
Forgive us and fill us with your love

When we are greedy
Forgive us and fill us with your love

When we want to do things our way instead of yours
Forgive us and fill us with your love

Dear God we want to follow you
Forgive us and fill us with your love

We receive God's forgiveness

The president uses these or similar words

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. **Amen.**

The Gloria

This or an alternative version on the separate sheet may be said or sung.

*Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Peace on earth to all your people,
Lord God, heav'nly King.
We worship you, almighty Father,
let our voices ring! Sing: *Gloria...*

Jesus, blessèd Lamb of God,
To you our voice we raise.
You take away our sins, O Lord,
Receive our song of praise! Sing: *Gloria...*

Holy Lord in highest heaven,
how our hearts rejoice
in God the Father, Son and Spirit,
so with loudest voice sing: *Gloria...*

We listen to God's Word

The Collect Prayer for this week

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

We sit to listen to the readings.

(see separate sheet)

The Reading(s)

At the end of each reading

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



*We stand to hear the Gospel. We sing the **Gospel Hymn** during which we turn to face the gospel reader.*

Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Gospeller Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading.

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

We sit to listen to a talk.

The Creed

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

**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.**

We sit or kneel to pray.

The Prayers of the People

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Response
God of love, **Hear our prayer.**

We come to be fed

We stand as the president introduces the peace with these or similar words.

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.

(or)

The risen Lord now reigns at God's right hand.
He is the Prince of Peace.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

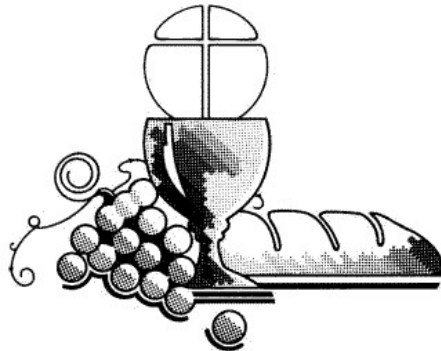
We share a handshake with those around us saying 'Peace be with you'.

The Hymn of the Gifts is sung. (see separate sheet)

Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine for communion are brought to the altar.

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



The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.



**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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 kneel to say the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray..

The Lord's Prayer

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.**



Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Lamb of God

**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

Take this bread, share this wine.
In these Christ comes to us
with love from God.

The gifts of God
for the people of God.
Amen. Alleluia!



All are welcome at the altar.

Please come forward to the altar rail as directed.

If you wish to receive the blessed bread please offer your cupped hands to receive it. Likewise, if you wish to receive the blessed wine please guide the cup and take a sip of wine.

If for any reason you feel unable to receive the blessed bread and wine, please do still come forward to receive a sign of God's blessing – simply bow your head and keep your hands lowered.

Hymns sung during communion can be found on the separate sheet.

Please respect each other's need for silence during this time.

Prayers after Communion

The president reads the After Communion Prayer for the week.

(See separate sheet)

The After-Communion Prayer

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.

We are now commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The notices and any banns of marriage are read.

We are sent out into the World

We stand as the president dismisses and blesses the people using these or similar words.

The Blessing

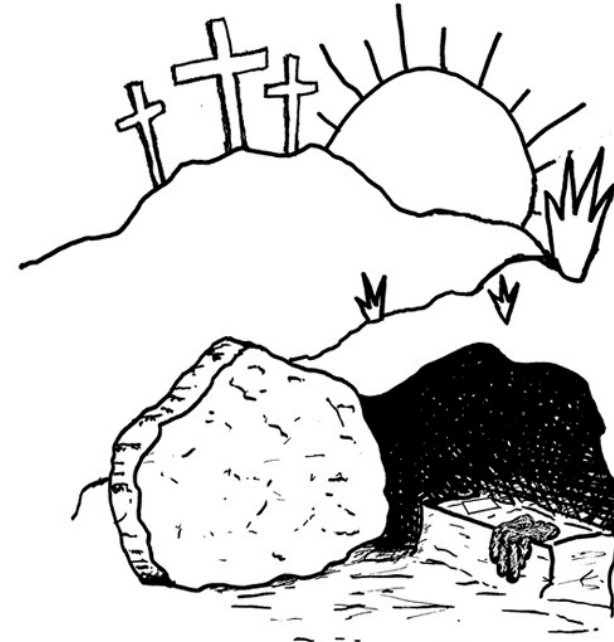
God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you now,
throughout this Eastertide and always.

Deacon He is not here, he is risen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The Final Hymn is sung as the choir and clergy leave. (see separate sheet)



**He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6**



Please come and meet each other
and enjoy a chat over a cup of
fairtrade tea or coffee after the
service