



“Alleluia!
Christ is Risen”

Celebrating Easter
on the Moss Valley Pod
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Welcoming the Light of Christ

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.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed
from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome
power of God.

As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share his victory
over death
and live with him for ever.

A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

All: The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet

All: The Lord be with you
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.

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death,
paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.
All: Glory to you for ever.

For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.
This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.
All: Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death and rose triumphant
from the grave.
All: Glory to you for ever.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed
from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.

All: Glory to you for ever.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.

All: Glory to you for ever.

Most blessed of all nights!
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

All: Glory to you for ever.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined
to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.

All: Glory to you for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's
solemn offering.

Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still
burns within us!

Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

All: Amen.

As we sing, the remaining candles in the church are lit.

**Jesus Christ is risen today,
hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day,
hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross,
hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss.
hallelujah!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.**

**But the pains which He endured,
our salvation have procured,
now in heaven above He's King,
where the angels ever sing:**

Robert Williams

Confession

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus 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 Easter Acclamation

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

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10.34–43

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3.1–4

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

**See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!**

**See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ the Man,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of days,
through the Spirit, who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

The Reading of the Gospel

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.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them

and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Matthew 28.1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...
Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All: in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived
and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**All: in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
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
and also with you.

All:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:**

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by Your humble birth:**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:**

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon You gazing,
this shall be our song:**

Michael Seward and Michael Baughen

Preparation of the Table

During this hymn, our offertory is taken, the table is prepared and the bread and wine are placed upon it.

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 Great Thanksgiving

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.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the earth in winter,
and awakens again in the spring.

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us eternal life
and delivered us from the bondage of sin
and the fear of death
into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**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 thank you, loving Father,
because you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples.
'This is my body', he said,
'given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and shared wine with his disciples.
'This is my blood,' he said,
'poured out for you and for all people,
to save them from their sins.
Do this to remember me.'

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

Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love,
his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us to love one another,
and to work together for that day
when the whole world is fed,
suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

With all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.**

The Agnus Dei is said:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

Post-Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy
 of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**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.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

**No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless
love:
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.**

Edmond Budry, tr. R Birch Hoyle

The Blessing

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.

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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