



**HOLY TRINITY *with S<sup>t</sup> MARY*  
BERWICK UPON TWEED**

**EASTER WITH REFLECTIONS AND MUSIC**



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## WELCOME

Welcome to Berwick Parish Church. We are here today to participate fully in the Eucharist.

In this service, we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the giving of himself to us today under the forms of bread and wine, which are for us his body and blood, the most holy sacrament of the altar.

In this central act of Christian worship, as the bread and wine are brought before God, so we offer ourselves to him, bringing to him our joys and sorrows, our thanksgivings and our concerns. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive Christ himself, and, thus nourished, we go out from worship to service, to live our Christian lives for others.

Christian worship is offered in the beauty of holiness. We are given a small foretaste of the inexpressible worship of heaven as through beautiful vestments, mystery, music and the traditional ceremonies of the Church we bring before God all the very best we have to offer.

We hope this booklet will guide you through the service and help you to enter into the movement of Christ's self-offering at the heart of our Eucharist.

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AND FOLLOWS THE RIGHT HAND PAGES.**

Easter is the feast of feasts, the holiday of holidays,  
which surpasses not only human feasts, but even feasts of Christ,  
as the light of the sun is brighter than that of the stars.  
It is the day of resurrection and the beginning of new life.

*St Gregory of Nazianzus, Pascal Sermon*

Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling down death by death,  
And bestowing life upon those in the tombs.

*St John of Damascus, Paschal Troparion*

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at home.

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<https://berwickparishchurch.co.uk/service-books/>

## SOME REFLECTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

It is not usually necessary to *do* more, but we can *be* more.  
We can be with Christ where he is.  
True practical spirituality is to be with him where he is.  
The preposition 'with' is immensely important in the New Testament.

We live with him, suffer with him,  
die with him, are buried with him  
and raised with him and glorified with him.  
Our task is to realise this conformity of our lives  
to the life of Christ  
who is in us and with us,  
and to let it develop within us  
as the life and passion of Jesus developed.

*Eric Symes Abbott 1906—1983*

Complete and perfected, so far as in us lies, O Christ our God,  
is the mystery of thy redeeming purpose.  
We have made the memorial of thy death,  
we have seen the symbol of thy resurrection,  
we have been filled with thine unending life,  
we have tasted thine inexhaustible bounty,  
of which may we all be found worthy in the ages to come,  
through the grace of God the Father who has no beginning,  
and of your holy, good and life-giving Spirit,  
now and always, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Liturgy of St. Basil*

## BERWICK PARISH CHURCH THE EUCHARIST AT EASTER

### INTRODUCTION

“We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song!” These well known words of St. Augustine of Hippo witness to the age-old conviction that Easter is fundamental to how we understand ourselves as Christians. *Alleluia* is the song of all the baptised. We have passed through the deep waters of death with Christ and are raised to new life in him - the Easter victory.

We celebrate Christ's Passover from death to life as the Christian Passover, drawing powerfully on the rich imagery of salvation: the sacrificial lamb, the Passover meal, the passage through the Red Sea, and the entry into the 'promised land'. Water - cleansing, refreshing and reviving - is a key image. Finally, towering over all stands the Paschal Candle: both 'pillar of fire' leading the people of the old covenant through the wilderness, and the light of the risen Christ shining in our lives.

Lit at the Easter Vigil, the candle burns continually until Pentecost (Whitsunday) - for the whole fifty days of Eastertide. The colour for Easter is gold, the church is full of spring flowers, and the music joyful and festive. Christ's presence is in our midst, just as he appeared to the apostles: in the upper room, on the road to Emmaus, on the shore of the lake of Tiberias, sharing a meal with his friends.

Forty days later we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, giving thanks to the Father that Jesus has taken his place at his right hand. There, within the Trinity, Christ prepares a place for us. This is the climax of the incarnation: the body of Christ, both divine and human, enters the heavenly kingdom and enables us to follow in his footsteps.

At Pentecost, with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, we complete our Easter thanksgiving.

### A PRIVATE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### WHY WE ARE HERE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
*1 Corinthians 5: 7b, 8*

'Tis the spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As the sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying

*St John Damascene c750  
tr. J M Neale 1816—1866*

## ¶ The Dismissal

### The Dismissal

*The president uses this or another seasonal blessing*

The God of peace  
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
That great shepherd of the sheep;  
Through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
Working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always,

*All* **Amen.**

*Please STAND for the final hymn.*

*The deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

*The ministers and people depart.*

**Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments in  
the parish centre after the service.**

## PRAYERS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Death and darkness get you packing,  
Nothing now to man is lacking  
All your triumphs now are ended,  
And what Adam marred is mended  
Graves are beds now for the weary,  
Death a nap, to wake more merry;  
Youth now, full of pious duty,  
Seeks in thee for perfect beauty,  
The weak and aged tired, with length  
Of day, from thee look for new strength,  
And infants with thy pangs contest  
As pleasant, as if with the breast;  
Then, unto him, who thus hath thrown  
Even to contempt thy kingdom down,  
And by his blood did us advance  
Unto his own inheritance,  
To him be glory, power, praise  
From this, unto the last of days.

*Henry Vaughan 1622—1695*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### ¶ *The Gathering*

*At the entry of the ministers, we stand and a HYMN is sung.*

*The president may say*

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

### **The Greeting**

*The president greets the people, who remain standing.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

### **Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism**

*The deacon invites us to call to mind our baptism in these or other appropriate words.*

Brothers and sisters, let us thank God for his gift of water, that it may be for us a sign of the washing away of sins and of the new life in Christ which in baptism we have all received.

*Silence is kept.*

### A SONG OF EZEKIEL

I will take you from the nations,  
And gather you from all the countries,  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you,  
And you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.  
A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you,  
And I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
And give you a heart of flesh,  
You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 36: 24—26, 28b*

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Baptised communicants of all churches are invited to receive communion.  
Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.*

*Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies  
**Amen.***

*If you do not wish to receive communion you are warmly invited to come  
forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as an indication to the  
ministers.*

*During the distribution anthems and hymns may be sung.*

*Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of  
communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or reserved for the  
communion of the sick.*

### Prayer after Communion

*A sentence of scripture is said, and silence is kept.*

*The president says a Post Communion prayer, and following this, we all pray:*

**All** **Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**  
**to be a living sacrifice.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## PRAYERS BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

May the sacred feast of thy table, O Lord,  
always strengthen and renew us;  
guide and protect our weakness amid the storms of this world,  
and bring us to the haven of eternal salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,  
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin:  
And having harrow'd hell, didst bring away  
Captivity thence captive, us to win;  
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
And grant that we for whom Thou diddest die  
Being with Thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin,  
May live for ever in felicity,  
And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love Thee for the same again:  
And for thy sake that all like dear didst buy,  
With love may one another entertain,  
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought,  
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

*Edmund Spenser 1552—1599*

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple.

**All** **Wherever the river flows  
Everything will spring to life. Alleluia.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**All** **Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

*The president says*

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,  
To you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the deep waters of death  
You have raised your Son to life in triumph;  
Grant that we who have been born anew  
By water and the Spirit,  
May daily be renewed in your image,  
Walk in the light of faith,  
And serve you in newness of life;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son,  
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
We lift our voices in praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The president may sprinkle the people with water from the font and say*

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
Forgive you your sins and perfect in you the image of his glory;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen**

*We all sing Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.*

**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.**

David Thorne

*mp*  
Lamb of God, you  
*mf*  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
*mf*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
*mp*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
*p*  
world: Grant us peace.

### **Giving of Communion**

*The president say these or other suitable words of invitation*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**



## Gloria in Excelsis

We STAND for the Gloria

**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.**

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.*

David Thorne

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a *ff* dynamic marking. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est. Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord, God Heav'n-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ,". The score includes various dynamics: *ff* at the beginning, *f* for "Glo - ry to God in the High - est", and *mf* for the final phrase. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the final phrase. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe;  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum;  
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All honour and glory be yours, O loving Father,  
For ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The president introduces the Lord's Prayer*

Through baptism into Christ Jesus we have become the children of God  
and so in confidence we pray:

**All 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

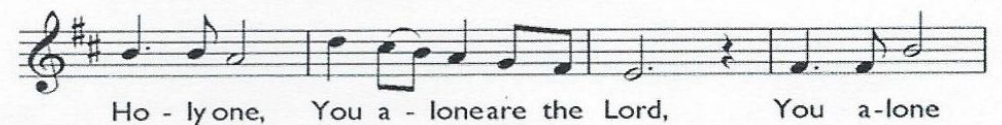
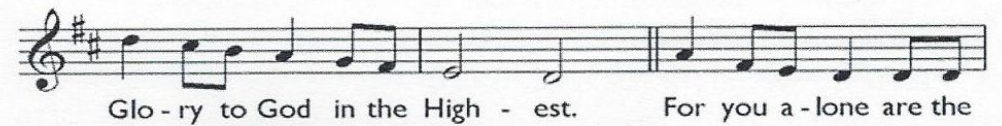
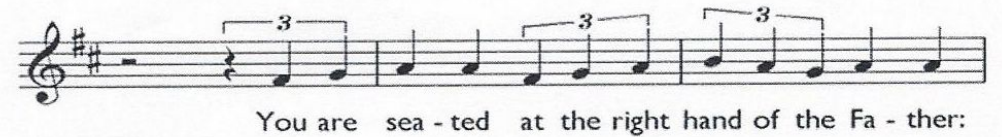
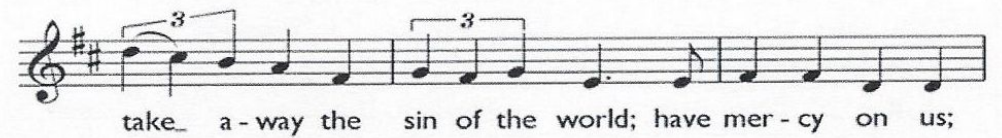
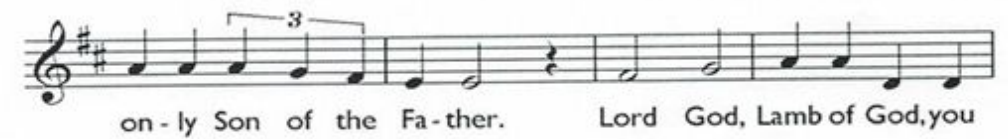
**All Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried with you in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation  
to you be glory and praise for ever!  
As once you led your people through the water  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land,  
now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.  
Rising from death, he has destroyed death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.  
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this day you have made  
and praise you for your mighty acts.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise:  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

*George Herbert 1593—1633*



We all come to the Eucharist with our own particular needs and with prayers for ourselves and for others. We bring them to the Lord in the time of silence, then the president sums up or “collects” the prayers of all our hearts in the words of the Collect of the day.

O Lord,  
You have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path:  
grant us so to meditate upon that Word and follow its teaching,  
that we may find in it the light that shines more and more  
unto the perfect day;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*St Jerome c. 345—420*

We are the Easter people,  
And Alleluia is our song!

*St. Augustine of Hippo 354—430*

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

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

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 [N and ] all the saints  
To feast at your table in heaven.

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea,

*W Chatterton Dix 1837—1898*

Alleluia, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, Born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;  
Thou within the veil has entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

*W Chatterton Dix 1837—1898*



## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect of the day follows and all respond*

**All Amen.**

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

## Readings

*Generally two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.  
At the end of each the reader says*

For the word of the Lord

**All thanks be to God.**

*We STAND for the Gradual Hymn and to listen to the Gospel.*

## Gospel Reading

*All say*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

*All say*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed we say is a text from early in the Church's history. Taking its name from the Council of Nicaea, it sums up our belief and marks a consensus in our understanding of the nature of Christ as both fully divine and fully human. We use the 'We believe' form of the original Greek document, as opposed to the 'I believe' Latin form still found in the Book of Common Prayer. This acknowledges that this is the faith of the Church - our faith - a faith which we share.

## A REFLECTION

A creed is something to live by, not simply to learn by rote. A creed is also a summary of faith. Each clause is a highly concentrated and highly charged 'nucleus' of Christian thought and belief and experience. At one moment it means little or nothing, and at another moment it can mean everything.. Each of us needs the rest of the Church to back up our individual saying of the Creed. When we are weak, others may be strong and vice versa.

*Eric Symes Abbott 1906—1983*

David Thorne

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and  
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*We respond, singing*

*People may wish to STAND, KNEEL or SIT at this point.*

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

**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.**

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably on thy whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery;  
and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence  
carry out the work of our salvation,  
and let the whole world feel and see that things  
which were cast down are being raised up,  
and things which had grown old are being made new,  
and all things are returning to perfection,  
through him from whom they took their origin,  
even Jesus Christ our Lord . AMEN.

*Gelasian Sacramentary - 8th century*

*We SIT for the sermon.*

**Sermon**

*After the sermon silence is kept for reflection.*

*We STAND to proclaim our faith, the faith of the Church.*

**THE CREED**

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

Lord, thou hast given me this space for prayer;  
fill it with thy gifts of grace;  
fill it with the shewings of thy truth,  
with holy counsels and inspirations,  
with the communion of peace;

Occupy it with the work of love, -  
to beg thy mercies upon them I love,  
upon all mine acquaintance,  
upon all in need,  
upon all whom thou lovest.

Overshadow me with thy Spirit,  
with the light that is THOU;  
Banish distraction, inattention, coldness;  
Make mine eyes to see, mine ears to hear,  
my tongue to speak, my soul to be still;  
And then be merciful to my prayer,  
and to me, a sinner;  
for Christ's sake.

*Eric Milner-White 1884—1963*

*We remain STANDING*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says or sings*

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.



**Ascensiontide Preface (from the day after Ascension Day  
until the Day of Pentecost)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit,  
He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
where they awaited his promised gift,  
The life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.  
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*We KNEEL or SIT for the intercessions.*

*The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:*

*The Church of Christ  
Creation, human society, the Sovereign  
and those in authority  
The local community  
Those who suffer  
The faithful departed  
The communion of saints*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*Or*

Lord, hear us.

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

*And at the end the President concludes with a Collect to which all respond*

*All* **Amen.**

### A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND UNITY

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,  
I leave you peace, my peace I give to you.  
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,  
And grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
Where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*We STAND for the Peace which is introduced with a suitable sentence*

### 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* Jesus says: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.” Alleluia.
- Or* God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and as  
a pledge of what is to come, he has given the Spirit to dwell in  
our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. Alleluia!

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

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, after which a HYMN is sung.*

### Preparation of the Table

*The people’s gifts are gathered, and the president takes the bread and wine*

### Prayers at the preparation of the table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**