



# A Spiritual Communion for Easter Day

The Walesby Group of Churches

## **Holy Communion for Easter Day**

### **The Gathering**

Christ yesterday and today,  
**All 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  
forever. 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 forever

### **The Easter (Paschal) candle is Lit**

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

The light of Christ  
**All Thanks be to God**

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
**All He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

## ***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.

## ***A Prayer for Easter Day (Collect)***

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ In  
Glory.

## ***A short silence is kept***

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 Word of God***

### ***Reading from Acts chapter 10 verses 34—43***

This is the word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God

### ***Gospel Acclamation (please remain standing)***

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. Glory to God in the highest.

## ***A Reading from the Gospel***

### ***Reading from St Johns Gospel chapter 20 verses 1-18***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

**All** Glory to you, O Lord

### ***At the end***

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ

## ***A reflection on the Gospel***

## **We Renew Our Baptismal Vows**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. On him you poured your Spirit at his baptism in the River Jordan. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that we may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your Spirit and know ourselves loved as one of your children, safe in Christ for ever.

**All Amen**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him, Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

**All I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**All I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**All I do.**

## **Profession of Faith**

Let us affirm, together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

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

## **Prayers of Intercession (We Ask for God's Help)**

**Please sit - During which we may be asked to respond:**

Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

**and may conclude with:**

Merciful Father,

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

## **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you" Then they were glad when they saw the risen Lord. Alleluia,

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

### ***Eucharistic Prayer (one) (Taking & Blessing of the Bread and Wine)***

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 always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.

You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

**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**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**All Jesus Christ has died.**  
Jesus Christ is risen.  
**All Jesus Christ is risen.**  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
**All Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

**All Amen**

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

**All Amen**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
One God, for ever and ever.

**All Amen**

### **The Lords Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread (Like Jesus the Bread is Broken)**

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life,  
Whoever eats this bread will live forever"

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

Draw near with faith.  
Receive through this Spiritual Communion  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to nourish and strengthen us.  
We remember that he died for us,  
and we feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving

**All Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen**

### **We come together in Communion**

**All Amen**

## **A Prayer after Communion for Easter Day**

God our Father,  
Having 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**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for joining us together  
through your Holy Spirit  
with 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.**

## **The Blessing**

Alleluia Christ is risen

**All He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**All Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious  
victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

With the risen Christ within you  
Go in the peace. Of Christ . Alleluia , Alleluia

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

