

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, virgin Mother of God, St Thomas the Apostle and our patron, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our ascended Saviour has taught us

**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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the
supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.**

The Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your
peace.**

The Priest and People now receive Holy Communion.

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us
in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

436 Praise my soul, the King of Heaven.

The Dismissal and Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

God the Father, who has given to his Son, our great high priest, the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord and the blessing of God almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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Ascension Day Outdoor Mass

Today we recall how Jesus left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his place as the King of all Kings. There he prays for us, the Church and the world.

The Sign of the Cross & Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hymn: 338 At the name of Jesus.

Invitation to Confession

Trusting in Jesus' reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us confess our sins.

God our Father, you exalted your Son to sit at your right hand, reign in us again.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, King of kings, and Lord of lords, you are the way, the truth and the life. Lead us from darkness to light.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you are sent to be with us for ever; fill us afresh.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God, ✠ forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our ascended Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

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

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: Grant that as you plead your sacrifice we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle (Acts 1. 1-11)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (Luke 24.44-end)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go make disciples of all the nations: I am with you always; to the end of time.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

✠✠✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily *is given.*

The Apostles Creed

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: 352 Crown him with many crowns.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened,

by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, we give you thanks because, after his most glorious resurrection, he appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, we might, likewise, also ascend and reign with him in glory. Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy and with choirs of angels we say for ever:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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. ✠

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. ✠