

## We Go In God's Strength

Mary told Peter,  
**Jesus is alive.**

Peter told the disciples  
**Jesus is alive.**

The disciples told their families  
**Jesus is alive.**

We can tell our families, we can tell our neighbours  
**Jesus is alive.**

It's Easter morning Jesus is with us  
**Jesus is alive!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**



## We gather to worship God

**Welcome**

### **HYMN 508 THIS IS THE DAY**

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

## We Say Sorry to God

*We keep a moment of quiet to recall our need for forgiveness.*

We have forgotten the glory of your risen presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We have turned our faces from those in need.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have not lived in faith, hope and love.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

**Amen**

### **We Listen to God's Word**

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.

**Amen**

**VIDEO: Emerge**

**Reading Matthew 28:1-10**

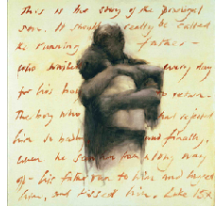
**Talk**

**Hymn 532 WE HAVE A GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**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.****



### **We Ask For God's 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 upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen**



**HYMN 503 THINE BE THE GLORY**

## ***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

## ***Giving of Communion***

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**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 forward to receive the bread and wine, as directed by the sides-people. All Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the bread and wine. We welcome everyone else, to come to the communion rail for a blessing.*

*Please keep your hands by your sides if you wish to receive a blessing in this way.*

## **We Declare Our Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God

**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.**

## **We Bring Our Prayers to God**

### **We Share God's 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.**

*During this next hymn the offertory is taken.*

## HYMN **SOFI 346 IN CHRIST ALONE**

### **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

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.**

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 winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father because, when we turned away, 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, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So 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, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen.**

### ***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**