

# E A S T E R

**Processional Hymn**      **see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Celebrant:*                    We gather in the name of the risen Lord.  
*Congregation:*            **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
*Worship Leader:*          We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.  
*Congregation:*            **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
*Acolyte:*                    We gather to share our faith and to worship God.  
*Congregation:*            **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
*Worship Leader:*          We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!  
*Congregation:*            **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

(Acts 4)

*Celebrant:*            Let us say together:

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
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.***

## SONG OF PRAISE

*(Each week we will read one of the following two prayers or sing Hymn S280)*

The rubrics of the Prayer Book (p. 356) provide that “some other song of praise” may be used in place of the hymn ‘Gloria in excelsis’. The supplemental canticles (pp. 25-41) or those in the Prayer Book (pp. 85-96) are among the appropriate alternatives.

**Canticle C - The Song of Hannah. 1 Samuel 2:1-8**      (Enriching Our Worship 1, P.31)

**My heart exults in you, O God.  
My triumph song is lifted in you.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
for I rejoice in your salvation.**

**There is none holy like you,  
nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.  
Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance.  
Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.**

**The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the weak are clothed in strength.  
Those once full now labor for bread,  
those who hungered now are well fed.**

The childless woman has borne sevenfold,  
while the mother of many is forlorn.  
God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up.  
Gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.

God raises the poor from the dust.  
And lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with the rulers  
and inherit a place of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are God's  
on which the whole earth is founded.

**OR**

13 A Song of Praise - Song of the Three Young Men 29-34. (BCP, P.90)

Glory to you, Lord God of our Fathers  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubin  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

## **SALUTATION**

*Celebrant:* God be with you.  
*People:* And also, with you.  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day** *(see insert)*

## **THE LESSONS**

**The First Reading** *(see insert)*

*Reader:* A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading, the Reader says:*

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Worship Leader:* The psalm for the day is in your bulletin insert.

*Psalm of the day is read by the worship leader and congregation*

## **The Second Reading** *(see insert)*

*Reader:* A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each Reading, the Reader says:*

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verse 1, 2**

*Please remain standing*

## **The Holy Gospel** *(see insert)*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to\_\_\_\_\_.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, silence may be kept.*

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Gradual Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verse 3**

## **THE SERMON**

## THE NICENE CREED

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human. \*

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 worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
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.

\*As the filioque is considered neither heretical nor necessary, it will be omitted in the creed used at the service as a sign of unity. The Episcopal Church will be removing the filioque in the next edition of the prayer book, and many parishes have been using that version, available in Enriching Our Worship 1, for years. (Enriching Our Worship 1, P. 53-54)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Worship Leader:* Gracious God whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as you did for the women who discovered the empty tomb and hear our prayers as we say,  
Lord in your mercy,

*Congregation:* **hear our prayer.**

*Worship Leader:* Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and empowered to continuo to proclaim Christ's resurrection, strengthen and embolden us to be persistent in our proclamation.  
Lord in your mercy,

*Congregation:* **hear our prayer.**

*Worship Leader:* Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential; open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people.  
Lord in your mercy,

*Congregation:* **hear our prayer.**

*Worship Leader:* Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around; guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue; that the world might know his healing and love through our actions.  
Lord in your mercy,

*Congregation:* **hear our prayer.**

*Worship Leader:* You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its care; grant us wisdom and willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance.  
Lord in your mercy,

*Congregation:* **hear our prayer.**

*Worship Leader:* Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way; grant that they might feel Christ's caring touch on their hurts. Especially we pray for...

Lord in your mercy,

*Congregation:* **hear our prayer.**

*Worship Leader:* Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life; grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with all the saints who have gone before.

Lord in your mercy,

*Congregation:* **hear our prayer.**

*Worship Leader:* Glorious Lord, you have promised to be with us always, fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best of us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. **Amen.**

(Jon White, Lisa Graves. Hear Our Prayer. Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary. P. 47)

## CONFESSION OF SIN (Form I)

*Worship Leader:* Come, Holy Spirit of God.  
*Congregation:* **And search our hearts with the light of Christ.**

*Worship Leader:* Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

*Acolyte:* The Second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'.  
There is no other commandment greater than these.

*Congregation:* **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*After a brief silence*

*Worship Leader:* Come, let us return to the Lord and say:  
*Congregation:* Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us  
deliver us from judgement  
bind up our wounds and revive us  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Hosea 6)

*Celebrant:* May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring us his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**  
[https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/  
common-worship/daily-prayer/forms-penitence](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer/forms-penitence)

## CONFESSION OF SIN (Form II)

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Congregation:* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
in the glory of your name. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Anglican Church of Canada. <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/BAS.pdf> P.191).

## THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of God be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*One of the following or another sentence of Scripture is used.*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

**Offertory Hymn see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3**

**Doxology #380, verse 3**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Eucharistic Prayer 3 (Or one of The BCP)

*Presider:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to God.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Worship Leader:* All thanks and praise are always yours and, in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

*Acolyte:* Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord... (Hymn chosen at Musician's discretion)**

*Celebrant:* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

*Worship Leader:* Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

*Celebrant:* We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”



After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb,  
the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed,  
and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People:*     **Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Celebrant:*     Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your  
Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

*Worship Leader:*     Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time  
gather us with blessed St. Joseph, St. Martin, St. Matthew, St. Mary, Julian of Norwich and all your  
people into the joy of our true eternal home.

*Celebrant:*     Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People:*     **Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.**

Enriching our Worship1, P.62-65

*Celebrant:*     As our Savior Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
People: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: "I am the bread of life", says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
People: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.  
People: **So may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Celebrant: Jesus, we died with you on the cross.  
People: **Now we are raised to new life.**  
Celebrant: We are buried in your tomb.  
People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

## THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**  
Celebrant: Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

### *All are welcome to God's Table*

*Jesus never turned anyone away. We therefore invite all who seek God's presence to receive Communion. Follow the usher's directions to the altar rail, where you may kneel or stand. Wine and grape juice are in separate chalices. In our Diocese, intinction is not allowed, you may only drink from the chalice. If you choose not to drink from the chalice, you may bow before it to recognize Jesus' presence and receive it spiritually. Gluten free host are available upon request. Children are encouraged to receive the Sacrament, or the Priest will offer a Blessing. If you wish to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please inform the Usher.*

## DOXOLOGY *(Liturgical formula of praise to God)*

Celebrant: Glory to God,  
People: **whose power, working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People:* Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body, live his risen life  
we, who drink his cup, ring 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 that we and all your children shall be free,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/BAS.pdf> P.212-214

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant:* May the blessing of the God of Abraham, and Sarah,  
*Worship Leader:* and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit,  
*Acolyte:* who broods over the world as a mother over her children,  
*Celebrant:* be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: see insert for hymn #, verses 1-3**

## DISMISSAL

*Worship Leader:* In our moments of chaos...  
God is with us.  
*Acolyte:* In our moments of calm...  
God is with us.  
*Celebrant:* In our moments of life.  
God is with us. Alleluia!  
*Congregation:* We go as a Pentecost people,  
touched by fire,  
stirred by wind,  
to mend the world.  
Alleluia!

Written by Richard Bott and Shannon Tennant as part of their longer  
Pentecost Intergenerational Worship Service.

*Worship Leader:* Go in peace to love and serve God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*Congregation:* Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.