Easter Sunday Service

Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Kings College Choir)

He Is Risen

**He is Risen indeed, Alleluia**

We start our service by lighting a candle together and praying together

***All* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,**

**to you be glory and praise for ever.**

**Your steadfast love extends to the heavens**

**and your faithfulness never ceases.**

**Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom**

**and strengthen our lives with your word,**

**for you are the fountain of life;**

**in your light we see true light.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**All**   **Blessed be God for ever.**

**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.**

**The Collect**

***President***   Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

*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.**

**Gospel Reading**

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.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

***All***   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 28.1-10*

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***All***   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Commission**

*For those of us who have been baptised in any church let recommit our lives to Christ*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,

and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example

the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,

loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ’s authority over human society,

by prayer for the world and its leaders,

by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,

that you may be rooted and grounded in love

and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

***All***   **Amen.**

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¶    *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

**Preparation of the Table**

**Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Be present, be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

our risen high priest;

make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

***All***   **Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

almighty and eternal Father,

and on this night of our redemption

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:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

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 and ever.**

**Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

***All***   **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;**

**give us this bread always.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

***All***   **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.**

**Giving of Communion**

An act of spiritual Communion

My Jesus,   
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.   
I love You above all things,   
and I desire to receive You into my soul.   
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,   
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

*The president says*

The body of Christ

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ

**Amen.**

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

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of Life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have 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.**

¶    *The Dismissal*

Final Hymn

Thine Be the Glory (Kings College Choir)

**The Blessing**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The president says either*

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.**

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*

*Amen*