

# A Liturgy for Easter Day



All Saints Church, Birkenhead



# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND PRAYER

*The paschal candle is lit*

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

*The Pascal candle is processed and placed on the stand*

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

This is the day which the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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.

## SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory:

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## THE READINGS

*After each reading the response is*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to...

**✠ Praise and Glory to God**

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ the Word**

## THE SERMON

*Following The Sermon we keep silence*

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*We stand together to respond in these affirmations.*

Praise to God who has given us life.

**Blessed be God for the gift of love.**

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

**Blessed be God who sets us free.**

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

**Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.**

Let us, the baptized, affirm that we renounce evil and commit our lives to Christ.

**Blessed be God**

**Jesus is Lord!**

Let us all gathered in this place declare before God the faith which we share and to which we have been baptized.

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

**We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, who redeems humankind?

**We believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

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

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is our faith.

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

## THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise. Alleluia!**

We thank you God for your love in all creation,  
especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.  
Through the waters of the Red Sea, you led the children of Israel out of their  
bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In the waters of the Jordan, your Son was baptised by John  
and anointed with the Spirit.

Through the waters of baptism you cleanse us,  
renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life.  
In the new covenant we are made members of your Church  
and share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.  
Now sanctify this water, we pray, by the power of the Spirit.

May we who have been cleansed from sin  
and born again by water and the Spirit,  
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*The water is showered on the congregation with the words:*

Remember your Baptism and be thankful.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the needs of the world and for our life together, giving thanks  
for God's goodness.

*We sit or kneel for the Prayers & Intercessions*

**A Collect may be prayed**

*A ✠ Blessing is given...*

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

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,

give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **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. **Amen.**

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

*We are sent out with these words*

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**