

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
LUTTERWORTH, COTESBACH AND  
BITTESWELL

# EASTER COMMUNION



## ***The Gathering***

*Leader* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

God has claimed us as His own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

*Leader* This is the day when Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Today, throughout the whole world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God.

As we hear God's Easter Story and tell of all that God has done, we can know that, through believing in Jesus, the power of death is crushed and we will live with him forever.

**All Loving God, we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Hymn: See What a Morning**

See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man, for he lives  
Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, 'where is he laid?'  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us  
Will sound till he appears, for he lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
And we are raised with him  
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with him  
For he lives Christ is risen from the dead



## **Confession**

*Leader*

Knowing that we are weak, we pray.

Knowing our mistakes, we pray.

Knowing God's forgiving love, we pray.

*All*

**Loving God, hear our prayers today.**

**We admit all the wrong  
that we have thought, said and done  
and all the things we have left undone.**

**Forgive us our sins  
Take our guilt and shame,  
forgive us and help us to live each day  
in the light of the risen Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Songs of Celebration**

I, 2, 3, Jesus is alive  
He died for you and me  
But on day three  
Jesus rose again  
Jesus is alive

God loved the world  
So he gave his son  
Jesus is our friend  
He loves everyone

*He has risen  
He has risen  
He has risen  
Jesus is alive*

When the life flowed from his body  
Seemed like Jesus' mission failed  
But his sacrifice accomplished  
Vict'ry over sin and hell

In the grave God did not leave him  
For his body to decay  
Raised to life the great awak'ning  
Satan's pow'r he overcame

If there were no resurrection  
We ourselves could not be raised  
But the Son of God is living  
So our hope is not in vain

When the Lord rides out of heaven  
Mighty angels at his side  
They will sound the final trumpet  
From the grave we shall arise

He has given life immortal  
We shall see him face to face  
Through eternity we'll praise him  
Christ the Champion of our faith

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# ¶ Bible Reading Talk

## Song

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see his wounds his hands his feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise his name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing your praise  
O Lord, O Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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Benjamin Hastings | Dean Ussher | Marty Sampson



## **The Creed**

*Leader* Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

**All** Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.



## **The Peace**

*Leader* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Everyone shares a sign of God's peace.*



## **Holy Communion**

*Minister* The Lord is here.

**All** His Spirit is with us.

*Minister* Lift up your hearts

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

*Minister* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Minister* Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

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

*Minister* Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

**All** **This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Minister* The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Minister* Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: “This is my body, given for you all.”

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: “This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

This is our story.

*All* **This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Minister* Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

*All* **This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Minister* Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*All* **Blessing and honour  
and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



## Giving of Communion

*Bread and wine will be brought to you where you are sitting. All who trust in God's grace are welcome to receive bread and wine (the wine is alcohol-free and gluten-free wafers are available)*

*The bread and wine are given with the words,*

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*Leader* As we have gathered at his table, let us thank God for all we have shared.

**All** **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Hymn

Thine be the glory  
Risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away  
Kept the folded grave clothes  
Where Thy body lay

Lo Jesus meets us  
Risen from the tomb  
Lovingly He greets us  
Scatters fear and gloom  
Let the church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing  
For her Lord now liveth  
Death hath lost its sting

No more we doubt Thee  
Glorious Prince of life  
Life is nought without Thee  
Aid us in our strife  
Make us more than conquerors  
Through Thy deathless love  
Lead us in Thy triumph  
To Thy home above

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## ***The Dismissal***

*Leader*

Go in the peace of the risen Christ,  
and may he keep you always faithful.

***All***

**Thanks be to God.**