

# The Order of Service for Home Worship

## THE THIRD SUNDAY *of* EASTER

### The Day of Resurrection

1. The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own "All hail" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their noted of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.



In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you. No secrets are hidden from you. Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may love and worship you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace in our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give light to those who live in darkness. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;**

**Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;**

**Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

**Collect:** Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**9. 1-6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 30    Response:    O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up.

And did not let my foes rejoice over me;

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol

restored me to life from among these gone down to the pit.    **(R)**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,

and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.    **(R)**

As for me, I said in my prosperity; 'I shall never be moved.'

By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;

you hid your face: I was dismayed,    **(R)**

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication;

What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!    **(R)**

You have turned my morning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.    **(R)**

**A reading from the book of Revelation.**

**5. 11-14**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.**

**21. 1-19**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Meditation:** After a fruitless night's fishing the risen Christ greeted the disciples on the side of the Sea of Tiberius. After telling them to cast their nets to the right of the boat their net was bulging with the weight of the catch. They brought the fish ashore and Jesus invited them to share breakfast with him. As they ate together Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Peter felt hurt that he was asked three times, "Do you love me?," answering Jesus, "You know everything, you know that I love you." Jesus told Peter, "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep." This was to be Peter's calling, to lead the people of God on earth after Jesus had returned to his throne in heaven. He and the disciples were to feed the people of God with the Words of Jesus and with the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. They were to tend the people of God, caring for those in need, to love the unloved, to welcome the outcast and to bring hope to those in despair so that all may know the peace of God, a peace the world cannot give. This is not just the calling of Peter and the other apostles, it is the calling of the Church, the calling of all who follow Christ. We are called to love all people as he loves us. We are called to reach out in love to those in need, not to judge, but to accept and welcome all in his name, to accept and welcome all in love, to feed and tend his sheep as he loves and tends us.

#### **Intercessions:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; may the Church faithfully proclaim the risen Christ, the sure ground for hope in the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression among them the people of the Ukraine and the Holy Land, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; may the power of the risen Christ bring peace where there is conflict and reconciliation where there is division. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may we witness to the risen Christ in our daily lives, bringing your love and peace to all with whom we share our lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our intercession

books; relieve them according to their need, strengthen them with your Holy Spirit and console them with the love of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; welcome them and all the departed into the eternal joy and peace of your heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**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 Peace:**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you!" They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **The Blessing:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn: Love's Redeeming Work is Done,**

- 1. Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
Lo, he sets in blood no more.**
- 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.**
- 3. Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?**
- 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**
- 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given;  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!**