

St Mary's Church, Chartham
Family Communion for Eastertide

Welcome and Greeting

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Hymn

Invitation to confession

Leader: Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

Confession

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution

Leader: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please stand to sing

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**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 for the day

The Bible readings:

After the first reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn

The Gospel reading

The reader announces the Gospel reading

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All sing: Glory to You O Lord

After the Gospel reading

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All sing: Praise to You, O Christ

The Sermon

The Creed

All: 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

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 worshipped 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.

Prayers of intercession

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

After the prayers we say together:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of Your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ,

Amen

The Peace

Leader: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, '*Peace be with you.*'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20:19, 20

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Leader: Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All: Amen.

The Communion

Leader: The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

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

Leader: Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

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

Leader: Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

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

Leader: We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with angels and archangels.

All sing: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: We praise and bless You, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and as we obey His command, send Your Holy Spirit that broken bread and wine outpoured, may be to us the body and blood of Your dear Son.

On the night before He died, He had supper with His friends and, taking bread, He praised You. He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine; again He praised You, gave it to them, and said: *“Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did. In Him we plead with confidence His sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation we proclaim His death and resurrection until He comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All sing: **Christ has died:**
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.

Leader: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when Your kingdom comes, and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on Your people, gather us in Your loving arms and bring us with Mary, St Peter, St Paul and all the saints, to feast at Your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are Yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Leader: 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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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 the bread

Leader: We break the bread of life
and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** together*

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

Leader: Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Post-Communion prayer

We say together:

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.

Closing hymn

The Blessing

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

All: Amen.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you,
now and always.

All: Amen

Leader: He is not here. He is risen.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.