

THE GREETING

On Easter Sunday before the main Eucharist takes place, we begin with pages 12 and 13.

The President greets the people:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Indications of prayer for the service are given.

HYMN

We say this prayer:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

CONFESSION

Either

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Or

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We sit or kneel to say

**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.**

The President pronounces the absolution

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.**

We stand to sing

THE GLORIA in praise of God

**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 is a prayer of the day on the news sheet.

The Collect is said and all respond:
Amen.

FIRST READING

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Join in the parts in bold print on the back of the news sheet.

SECOND READING

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Remain standing for

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel is announced and the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

We stand to say the

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**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

These responses may be used.

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

or

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessions often finish with:

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As soon as the intercessions are over we stand for

THE PEACE

Either

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.

Or

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, usually a handshake is appropriate.

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection will be taken.*

Preparation prayers may take the form of one of the following:

(a)

With this bread that we bring
We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring
We shall remember Jesus.

(b)

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor, who fills our praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

(c)

Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise, the transforming fire of your presence. **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

(For Easter Day until the eve of Ascension Day)

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter
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.

(For use between Ascension Day and Pentecost)

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples
in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and
archangels sing the endless hymn of praise.

(For use on the day of Pentecost only)

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because
in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues
in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels
and archangels and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking the 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.

We say:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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 Barnabas, Lazarus 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.

Amen.

*Each in the language most natural for us (English, Greek, Arabic, Tamil,
Mandarin etc) we pray together as our Saviour taught us*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

**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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share in one bread.**

We sing:

**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**

THE INVITATION

Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

This prayer is sometimes said by us all before the distribution.

Most merciful Lord,

your love compels us to come in.

Our hands were unclean,

our hearts were unprepared;

we were not fit

even to eat the crumbs from under your table.

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation

and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse us and feed us

with the precious body and blood of your Son,

that he may live in us and we in him;

**and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.**

Amen.

*Those not receiving communion, please come to the altar rail carrying
a booklet and receive a blessing.*

Hymns are often sung while communion is administered.

These are on the hymn board but not announced.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The post-communion prayer is said.
Then we all pray these words.*

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
One God for ever and ever.
Amen**

BLESSING

Either

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Or

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you the grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Notices

HYMN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall.

EASTER SUNDAY

THE LITURGY OF LIGHT

The minister introduces the service, before candles are lit.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy day,
in which our Lord Jesus Christ
passed over from death to life,
the Church invites her members,
dispersed throughout the world,
to gather in vigil and prayer.
For this is the Passover of the Lord,
in which through word and sacrament
we share in his victory over death.

As we await the risen Christ,
let us hear the record of God's
saving deeds in history, recalling how
he saved people in ages past and in the
fullness of time sent his Son to be our redeemer;
and let us pray that through this Easter celebration
God may bring to perfection in each of us
the saving work he has begun.

All stand. The minister prays at the Easter Candle.

Eternal God, who made this most holy day
to shine with the brightness of your one true light;
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha
and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be
glory and power, through every age and for ever.

Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.
Amen.

The minister lights the Easter Candle saying
May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts
and minds.
Alleluia! Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Service of Light culminates in an Easter Song of Praise during
which the candles in the church are lit from the New Fire as the light is
shared among the brethren of the Risen Lord.*

THE BLESSING OF AN EASTER GARDEN *may take place
here.*

The service continues with the Exsultet:

**Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your King in glorious symphony!**

**Sing choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past, the day of life is here!**

**Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!
The Gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your saviour lives; he's with you evermore!
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!**

(Woodlands is one suitable tune)

A COMMISSION FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

BLESSING OF LIGHT

The ministers go to the Easter Candle. A minister says:

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim your reign of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

COMMISSION

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Limassol District, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
will you dare to walk into God's future,
trusting him to be your guide?
By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?
We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

We will.

If there are no other services on this feast the Easter Candle may be extinguished in silence.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

The ministers and people process out of church singing a hymn and watching for the slope and the steps.

The President blesses the people:

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father
From whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and
fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
Who strengthens us with power from on high.**

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