



Richmond
Team Ministry



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St John the Divine

The Eucharist in

Easter

When the bell rings we stand to sing the **Entrance Hymn**.

The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

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

Words of welcome or introduction are said.

Prayers of Penitence

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: In baptism we have died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Either: **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Or: **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The president says:

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.

The Gloria

**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

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'. The Collect of the day is said and all respond **Amen**.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

First Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

*The choir sing the psalm appointed for the day and the congregation are invited to join in singing **the response**.*

Second Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn.**

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

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.

The Sermon

Please sit for the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

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

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

These or other responses may be used.

Either: Lord, in your mercy *or:* Lord, hear us.
Hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end:

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

Please sit for the notices.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

The president introduces the Peace with the following sentence:

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, alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

*We stand to sing the **Offertory Hymn.***

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The altar is censed during the offertory hymn.

The President says:

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

Amen.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

We remain standing.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Either: The Lord be with you *or:* The Lord is here.
and also with you. 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty God 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.

In his victory over the grave, a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed and humanity is once again made whole.

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:

**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.**

Please sit or kneel.

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 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 the cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 [N 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Either: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

Or: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:
**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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Either: 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.**

Or: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**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

Jesus / This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president and the people receive communion. If you receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing then please carry this service book with you.

During the distribution of communion the choir sing a motet / anthem.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Prayer is said.

Either: **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.**

Or: **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we**

and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

We stand to sing the **Post Communion Hymn.**

The Blessing

Either: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Or: 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.

Either: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Or: We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Regina Caeli

*On Sundays we remain standing to sing the **Regina Caeli**.*

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world, grant that through the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The President and servers depart during the organ voluntary. Please remain standing until the procession reaches the back of the church.

**You are warmly invited to stay with us
for refreshments after the service.**