



Eastertide

Holy Communion

United benefice of Cudham and Downe

*You are invited to join in with the words of the service that are printed in **bold** type.*

The Gathering

Welcome

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

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

Prayer of preparation

Risen Lord Jesus,

we gather today to celebrate.

We gather to share in the joy of your resurrection.

The stone has been rolled away, death has been defeated, you have overcome the powers of darkness.

May we know your risen presence with us today.

Amen

Hymn

Lighting of the Easter Candle

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ causes out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the father.



The light of Christ: **thanks be to God**

Prayer of confession

In baptism we 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.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May the father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore in you his image to the praise and glory of his name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
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The Collect (special prayer for today) which we all say together from the notice sheet

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel has been read

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

The creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Hymn

Prayers of intercession

We end our prayers by saying together:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you**

Hymn

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world. **Amen**

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.



It is indeed right, 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:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**



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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion

All are invited to come forward. If you are unsure about receiving the bread and the wine, keep your hands low, so we know not to give it to you, and we will offer words of a Blessing prayer instead.

You will be directed when to come up, please remember social distancing and use of hand sanitizer.

Prayer after Communion

The prayer for the day is said by the President.

**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**



The Dismissal

Notices

Hymn

Blessing

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, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, living and departed, now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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