

The Parish of Whitton with Thurleston & Akenham



The Eucharist for the Sundays of Easter

Welcome to our Church

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We invite all those who know and love the Lord Jesus to receive communion.

When you come for communion, it helps those distributing the wine if you use a hand to guide the chalice to your lips.

If you do not wish to receive communion you are welcome to receive a blessing. When you come forward please hold this booklet in your hands to show that you desire a blessing.

At every communion service Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please let a sidesman know if you require one.

You will find the hymn numbers in the pew sheet and on the hymn boards. Verses of hymns marked with an asterisk are normally omitted. The Collect, Psalm, and Readings, for the day are found in the pew sheet.

Those parts that are printed in **bold** type are said by the congregation. Though our choir leads the worship, everyone is welcome to sing those parts of the service set to music. Parts of the service with headings in **[Square Brackets]** may be omitted.

If you would like to find out more about our parish, or about baptism, confirmation, or marriage, please speak to whoever greeted you when you came to Church. The ministers are always available to speak to anyone in need of counsel or who has questions about the life of faith. Their contact details are in the pew sheet.

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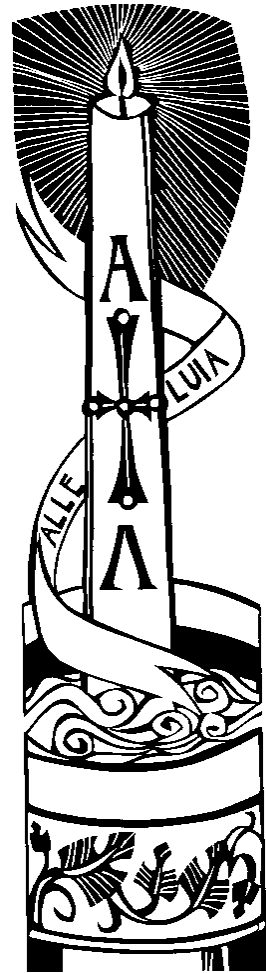
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ABOUT EASTER

The season of Easter is a glorious celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter morning following his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. The Easter greeting is, 'Christ is risen.' The response is, 'Christ is risen indeed.'

The resurrection of Jesus, who died that all people might live, shows the world that he has won the battle against sin, death, and the power of the devil. By rising from the dead, He freed us from the consequences of our sin, so that we may have rich and full lives both now on earth and with God in heaven. (*Romans 5.6-10*)

Easter is the most important season of the Christian year. We light the Paschal Candle - and as many candles as possible - during our worship. Easter hymns are songs of praise to God for the miracle of Christ's resurrection. **Alleluia** (a Hebrew phrase meaning *praise God*) is included in many hymns during Easter.



Easter is a time for special emphasis on the Eucharist. When we receive the bread and wine as symbols of the body and blood of our risen Lord, we share the miracle of new birth through him. To mark this new birth, Easter is also a time to renew our baptismal promises and start a new chapter in our journey with God.

The season of Easter is fifty days long and its colours are white and gold to celebrate the resurrection. Forty days after Easter is Ascension Day when Jesus Christ returned to heaven. This is one of the patronal festivals of our parish.

Easter ends on the Feast of Pentecost when the church colours change to red to represent the tongues of fire which symbolised the Holy Spirit on the first Day of Pentecost. This is seen as the church's birthday and is a day when Christians from different churches will gather together in answer to the prayer of Jesus that 'they all may be one' (*John 17.21f*).

Before the service the Paschal Candle is set in a prominent place and lit as a symbol of the Resurrection. It remains lit at every service during Easter until the Saturday after the Day of Pentecost.



The Gathering

Introit Hymn

The president greets the people

In the name of the Father,^{[L] [SEP]}
and of the Son,^{[L] [SEP]}
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Prayer of Preparation

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. In the joy of this new life let us confess our sins *cf Romans 6.4*

Kneel or sit.

**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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie, eleison. (or) Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The president says

God, the Father of mercies,
has reconciled the world to himself
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
not counting our trespasses against us,
but sending his Holy Spirit
to shed abroad his love among us.
By the ministry of reconciliation
entrusted by Christ to his Church,
receive his pardon and peace
to stand before him in his strength alone,
this day and evermore.
Amen.

Stand

Gloria in Excelsis

**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 leads the saying of the Collect and all respond
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

One or more Readings may be used.

Readings

After each Reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Responsorial Psalm]

The Psalm follows the first reading. The Cantor sings the response for the Psalm, which the people repeat where indicated on the pew sheet.

If a large number of children are present the Psalm may be omitted.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia.**

A Gospel acclamation is sung.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

**We believe in God the Father
God Almighty by whose plan
Earth and heaven sprang to being
All created things began.**


**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
Virgin-born the child of Mary
Upon whom the Spirit came**

**Christ who on the cross forsaken,
Like a lamb to slaughter led,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
He descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
Heaven's king to rule and reign,
To the Father's side ascended
Till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
In one church, below above;
Saints of God in one communion
One in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
We shall rise with him in glory
To the life that knows no end**

**50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL. **

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.

[On the Sunday after the Day of Ascension is added:
And now we give you thanks because you have highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. And so.....]

[On the Day of Pentecost is added:
And now we give you thanks because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations, and serve you as a royal priesthood. And so.....]

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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Deacon: Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

With whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The service continues with The Lord's Prayer on Page 14.

Second Eucharistic Prayer

This Prayer is especially appropriate when many children are present.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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.

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received
and for the love of God shown on the Cross of Christ.

Cantor: Glory, Alleluia
Jesus Christ is risen

Death came to all through Adam, and sin reigned for a time.
New life came through Christ, and he reigns for ever.

Cantor: Glory, Alleluia
Jesus Christ is risen

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory! Our victory is in Christ.

Cantor: Glory, Alleluia
Jesus Christ is risen

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

**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.**

On the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you. ^[L]_[SEP] This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Cantor: Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we take this bread and wine, we remember his death
and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Cantor: Glory, Alleluia
Jesus Christ is risen

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth, ^[L]_[SEP] and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

Cantor: Glory, Alleluia
Jesus Christ is risen

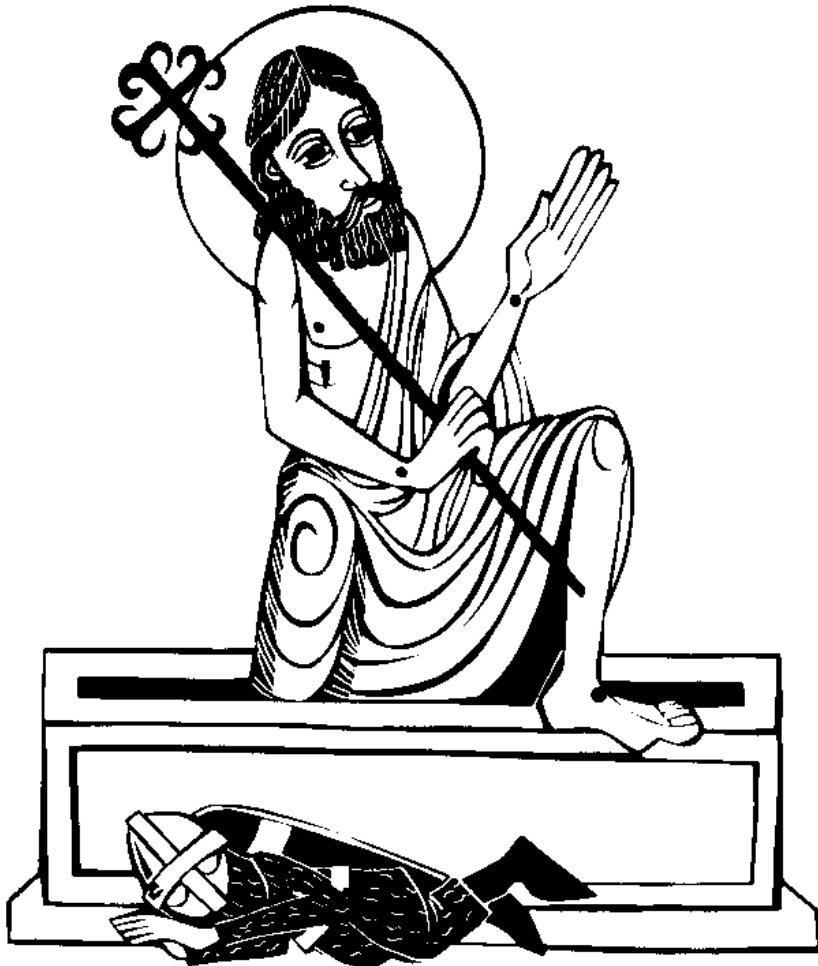
For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon: Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour has taught us so we pray.

**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 and Giving of Communion

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

The president says the invitation to communion

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 president and people receive communion.

All are welcome to receive communion.

*If you do not wish to receive communion please come to the rail for a blessing
holding this booklet in your hands.*

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

[Agnus Dei]

Anthems and hymns may be sung during the distribution of Communion.

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

or

**Jesus,
Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus,
bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

**Jesus,
redeemer
of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion Hymn

When all have returned to their places, Lay Elders collect the Blessed Sacrament to take to those unable to be present.

Post Communion Prayer

*The Post Communion Prayer is said by the President and all respond
Amen.*



*If there are any Banns of
Marriage they are published
here.*

[The Welcome and the Giving of a Lighted Candle]

If there are newly baptised present they are welcomed into the family of the Church and given a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

When all have received a candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and given us a place with the saints in light. *N and N.* you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N. and N. by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Applause is appropriate.

The Dismissal

Stand

The Renewal Prayer

**O God,
guide us and strengthen us
in our mission to this parish,
and as we are renewed by your Spirit,
so may our church be rebuilt to your glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says

We are raised to new life with Christ,
Go in his peace. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

The ministers and people depart.



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