The Holy Eucharist for the Season of Easter

The Greeting

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

During the Easter Season

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.

From Ascension Day until Pentecost

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,

let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

On the day of Pentecost

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

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

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 Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer with the words: Let us pray

The Collect is said, and all respond: **Amen.**

First Reading

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

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

Homily

A brief silence for reflection follows the Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These response is:

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

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

The Peace

During the Easter Season

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when the saw the Lord. Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until Pentecost

Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father. Alleluia.

On the day of Pentecost

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.

The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Prayer over the Gifts

The Priest, raising the paten slightly, says

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands are made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God forever.

The Priest, raising the chalice slightly, says

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

During the Easter Season

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 forever the hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

From Ascension Day until Pentecost

It is indeed right, 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

On the Day of Pentecost

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 saying:

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.

After the Preface the Eucharistic Prayer continues:

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, 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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, St. Peter, St. Mary Magdalene 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, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei

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 Communion

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Although we are able, with this broadcast—as Thomas Cranmer puts it—to "see with our eyes" even if we cannot "smell with our noses, touch with our hands and taste with our mouths." in physically receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist, you may wish to make a Spiritual Communion at this point in the service using the following words:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart

I embrace you as if you were already there,
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

The priest says the Post Communion Prayer, followed by:

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

During the Easter Season

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

On the day of Pentecost

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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

Amen.

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