

PERSONAL PREPARATION

These prayers may be used before the service

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise
with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter shows us our fate.
Forgiven we will rise and pass through Heaven's gate.
This Easter we remember the sacrifice of your Son
and through His resurrection eternal life we have won.
This Easter we pray that the love of God, resurrected, reborn,
renewed inside our hearts. Amen

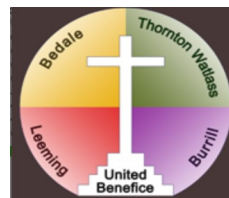
God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered
the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives
by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

These prayers may be used after the service.

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, to earth as a
baby so many years ago, I thank you that He paid the punishment
for my sins by dying on the cross. Thanks that you that He rose
again to prove that death was truly defeated. So, I place my trust
in You to be my Saviour. Guide me through the dark times of my
life and give me courage to live for You. Amen

Lord of life, we pray for all who bring your word of life as a light
to those in darkness, for those who bring your word of peace to
those enslaved by fear, for those who bring your word of love
to those in need of comfort. Lord of love and Lord of peace, Lord
of resurrection life, be known through our lives and through your
power. Christ the Lord is risen to-day. Alleluia!

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it. Amen



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HOLY COMMUNION



Easter Season

THE GATHERING

INTROIT HYMN

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

Amen.

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**He has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own:

He has made us lights to the world.

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

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

or

**Faithful one,
whose word is life:
come with saving power to free our praise,
inspire our prayer and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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.**

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

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.

Extended Seasonal Preface

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

Proper Preface

And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels 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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest.**

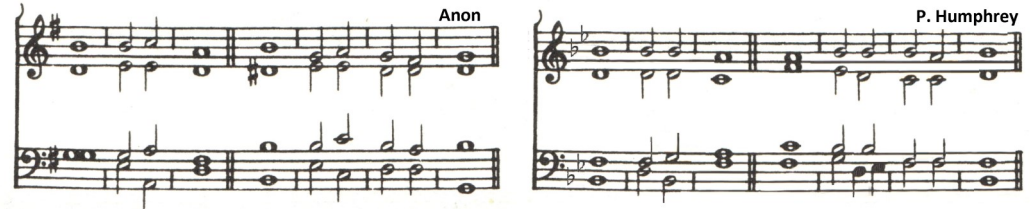
We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ
our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

The Easter Anthems are sung or said:



1. Christ our Passover has been / sacrificed / for us:
So let us / cele / brate the / feast;
2. Not with the old leaven of / corruption and / wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sin / ceri / ty and / truth.
(1. Corinthians
- 5.7b.8)
3. Christ once raised from the dead / dies no / more:
death has no / more do / minion / over him.
4. In dying, he died unto sin / once for / all:
in living, he / lives / unto / God.
5. See yourselves therefore as / dead to / sin:
and alive to God in / Jes-us / Christ our / Lord.
(Romans 6.9-12)
6. Christ has been raised / from the / dead:
The / first fruits of / those who / sleep.
7. For as by / man came / death:
by man has come also the resur / rection / of the / dead
8. For as in / Adam all / die:
even so in Christ shall / all be / made a / live.
1 Corinthians 15.20-22
Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
as it / was in the be / ginning, / is now and / shall be
for / ever. A- / men.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The president introduces the confession with suitable words

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again, have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

or

Jesus Christ, Risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts
we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live
for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

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[EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D](#)

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

[THE LITURGY OF THE WORD](#)

[THE COLLECT](#)

The Collect of the Day is said.

[READINGS](#)

At the end the reader may say

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

[GRADUAL HYMN](#)

[GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS](#)

*The Alleluias are repeated after the cantor, again after the Acclamation
Sentence and then repeated after the Gospel Reading.*



Easter Alleluia; M Vulpus

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

or *John 6.35*

Jesus said, 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

or *John 6.40*

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia. *John 11.25,26*

[GOSPEL READING](#)

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

When the Gospel is ended the reader says

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

[SERMON](#)

AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

Our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles: this we have received,
and this we believe.** *cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*

NICENE 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.**

BLESSING

The president pronounces God's Blessing using these or other words:

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing ...

or

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 ...

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us lights to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

or

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The invitations to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

or

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

We receive the bread and wine or a blessing.

*If you come from another church where you receive communion,
please feel free to receive it here in the Benefice of Bedale.*

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow
in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

or

**God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us, as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

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

or

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

And at the end

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The Peace is introduced followed by the words

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace greeting one another with these words.

Christ is risen - He is risen indeed

OFFERTORY HYMN

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

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

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

or

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

or the President may bless the gifts to which the people answer:

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER RESPONSES

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 our Lord God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Extended preface for Easter

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.

[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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, in the highest.

Response for Prayer D only

This is his/our story.
This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

This response may be used

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

The prayer may end with:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together, rejoicing in God's new creation,
**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.**

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.**

or

Wherever you are, wherever you have been,
come and celebrate this feast which Jesus has prepared for all of us;
uniting us in our salvation through Him.
**Jesus is here, waiting for us:
just as he was, before we failed him, before he saved us.**

THE 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.**

or

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.