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**The Eucharist
for EASTERTIDE**

**Anselm, Bishop & Doctor
Wednesday 21st April 2021**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The priest offers words of welcome and introduces the Eucharist

**Father of glory, holy and eternal,
look upon us now in power and mercy.
May your strength overcome our weakness,
your radiance transform our blindness,
and your Spirit draw us to that love
shown and offered to us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Silence

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

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

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner.

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

Lord Jesus, you give light to those in darkness.

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

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Let us pray:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ACTS 8. 1B-8

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

A severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66. 1-7

R: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Be joyful in God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise.
Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength
your enemies shall bow before you. **R:**

'All the earth shall worship you,
sing to you, sing praise to your name.'
Come now and behold the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind. **R:**

He turned the sea into dry land;
the river they passed through on foot;
there we rejoiced in him.
In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.
Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard. **R:**

R: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

JOHN 6. 35-40

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

I am the resurrection and the life;
everyone who believes in me will never die. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

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

Alleluia. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy: *Or* Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

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

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you! They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Alleluia. Alleluia.

And also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE THANKSGIVING

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins in water,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (3)

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

Because in his victory over death a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and we are once again made whole.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious 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.**

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for 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 from this, all of you;
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup, your gifts to us,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

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

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*As the priest receives Holy Communion, you may like to
pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in believing.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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