



**ST. LUKE'S
CHURCH**
LOVE • GROW • SERVE



Easter Day
All Age Communion
and Celebration

Welcome to St Luke's

This is God's house and all are welcome here so please make yourself at home. Everything you need for the service will be in this booklet and the hymn book.

Please join in with any words in **bold** print.

We Gather Together

The new Easter candle is lit to symbolise and celebrate Jesus - the Light of the world - rising to new life.

First Song

*The song numbers are on the board at the front left
Please stand when the procession enters*

Christ yesterday and today
the beginning and the end
Alpha and Omega
all time belongs to him
and all ages;
**to him be glory and power,
through every age and forever. Amen**

A minister lights the Easter candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We make a joyful noise in celebration with instruments, party poppers and whatever else we have to hand!

Welcome and Introduction

The Confession

We remember and offer to God the things that we have done wrong, asking for forgiveness.

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

Gloria in Excelsis

We give glory and praise to God by singing a special song that the church across the world has sung for a very long time.

Please stand if you can

Peruvian 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,

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus....

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit....

The Collect for Easter Day

This special prayer 'collects' all of our prayers together and joins us to each other and all the churches across the world praying the same prayer.

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

We listen to the word of God

*Please sit for our Bible readings
There may be one or two readings before the Gospel reading.
At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Song

Gospel Reading

We listen to a reading from one of the four Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which tell us about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the foundation of our faith.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Let us declare 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.
Amen.**

Prayers

We Celebrate Communion

*We share bread and wine and in it we meet with Jesus; are fed,
nourished and sent out in to the world.*

The Peace

Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said
'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

We offer one another a sign of God's peace

Offertory Song

The table is prepared.

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

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

As Jesus 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.**

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**

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

We receive Communion.

If you are visiting and it is your custom to receive Communion in your own church, even if you haven't done so for many years, you are welcome to receive here. If it isn't your custom we would still love to pray for God's blessing on you. Please come forward and bring this order of service with you

We sing a song during Communion

Prayer after Communion

We thought you were dead.
We thought the cross was the end.
We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb,
that was it.
But this is it:

**The dead are living;
the cross is empty;
the stone is rolled,
and one word describes it all:
Alleluia! Jesus is risen! L**

We thought you had said your final word.
We thought those with the power had won.
We thought that when you cried out,
that was it.
But this is it:

**The word breathes;
the powers are defeated;
the final cry was only the beginning,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

We thought the story was finished.
We thought the hope had ended.
We thought that when the tomb was sealed,
that was it.
But this is it:

**The story has just begun;
the hope is newly born;
the tomb is empty,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

This is the news:
Jesus is risen!
This is the moment
Jesus is alive!
This is the gospel
Jesus is with us!

We thought that when they crucified you,
death had defeated life,
and that was it.
But this is it:

Love is stronger than death,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Notices

Final Song

Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be with you this day and always
Amen

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

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