

The Parish Church of All Saints, Peterborough

The Holy Eucharist

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

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Priest introduces the service and welcomes the assembled people of God. He invites the people to repent of their sins using these or other appropriate words:

Help us to turn from all that is evil, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Help us to turn to the light of your love. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Help us to live resurrection lives. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Priest introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer on behalf of the congregation.

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

The Liturgy of the Word.

First reading, Acts 7.51-8.1a

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³ You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.”

⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died. And Saul approved of their killing him.

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

Psalm 31.1-5, 16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

2 Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

The gospel reading

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

Glory to you, O Lord.

(John 6.30-35)

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?"³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ 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.

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A homily may be given .

The Intercessions

*The Priest introduces **the Peace***

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

*The Priest begins **the Eucharistic Prayer** - the great prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and wine that recalls all that God has done for the world.*

Priest The Lord be with you

All

And also with you

Priest Lift up your hearts

All

We lift them to the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All

It is right to give thanks and praise

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:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

**by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Priest introduces **the Lord's Prayer.***

**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 Priest 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.**

*All say the **Agnus Dei:***

*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.*

The invitation to communion:

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

The Body of Christ, broken for us all
The Blood of Christ, shed for us all

The post-communion prayers

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.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Priest blesses the people and dismisses them to go out into the world taking the
Good News of Jesus Christ to all those they meet.*

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

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 of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ Alleluia Alleluia
Thanks be to God, Alleluia Alleluia