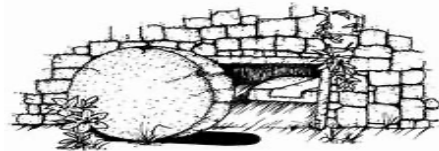


Eglwys St Ffagan, Aberdâr
St Fagan's Church, Aberdare

ORDER FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025
EASTER DAY



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

When the bell rings, all stand to sing the hymn.

1. This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made,
That the Lord hath made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,

This is the day that the Lord hath made.

2. This is the day, this is the day
When He rose again,
When He rose again,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day when He rose again,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,

This is the day when He rose again.

3. This is the day, this is the day
When the Spirit came,
When the Spirit came,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it,
And be glad in it.

This is the day when the Spirit came,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,

This is the day when the Spirit came.

THE GREETING

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 may offer some informal words of welcome, after which all say:

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you. No secrets are hidden from you. Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may love and worship you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

All sing:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The priest invites the people to confess their sins, after which all say:

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.

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.**

All sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

All sit

FIRST READING

Peter, a Jew, visits the house of Cornelius, a Roman soldier and therefore a Gentile. Normally Jews and Gentiles did not mix. Peter declares that in raising Jesus from the dead, God has removed the distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, since Jesus has shown to be 'Lord of all'.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets

testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' (Acts 10.34-43)

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

PSALM

All say together

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.' I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118.1,2 14-24)

SECOND READING

Some early Christians in Corinth had doubts about resurrection and what will happen to our bodies. Here Paul reminds them of the central message of the Christian faith.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of

the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.
(1 Corinthians 15. 34-43)

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

All stand to sing:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth, he is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.**

HOLY GOSPEL

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.
(Luke 24. 1-12)

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

All sit

SERMON

All stand to say:

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

All sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During which the following response may be used:

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

At the end:

Merciful Father:

**accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All say:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The priest introduces the peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be with you always: **and also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

During the preparation of the altar, all sing the following hymn:

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia, bread of angels
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

The priest prays the preface which concludes with

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

All sit

The priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer which concludes with:

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

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.

AGNUS DEI

All sing:

**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.**

THE COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please follow the directions of the wardens to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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| 1. This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me. | 2. This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me. |
| 3. Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me. | 4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me. |
| 5. Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me. | |

1. Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

Chorus:

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood",
Love, only love, is his sign.

Chorus:

5. Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

Chorus:

2. Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

Chorus:

4. Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."
Love, only love, is his news.

Chorus:

6. Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

Chorus:

7. Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.
Chorus:

It is our custom to keep a time of silence after the communion hymns.

All remain seated for the notices; then all stand.

THE SENDING OUT

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All say together:

Living God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

The priest introduces the blessing which concludes with:

... 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. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All sing the final hymn when the collection will be taken:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Chorus:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Chorus

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Chorus

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