

Service of the Word
(Easter)

We prepare to worship God

We are risen with Christ-
The Lord is risen!

Eternal life is ours-
The Lord is risen!

Death has met its master-
The Lord is risen!

The way to heaven is open-
The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed-
Allelulia! Amen

We confess our sins to God

Let us return to the Lord and say to Him
Father, we have sinned against heaven and before 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 were once dead
But now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

We are assured of God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power
Forgive *us* from our sins,
Heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit
And raise *us* to new life in Christ.
Amen

We listen to the Word of God

At the end of each reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

We declare our faith in God

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in God,

The Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven;

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic Church,

The communion of saints,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting.

Amen.

We offer our prayers to God

Hear us, risen Lord,
Our resurrection and our life.

God of mercy,
**Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has 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 forever.
Amen**

We go out to serve God

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

A blessing is said

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