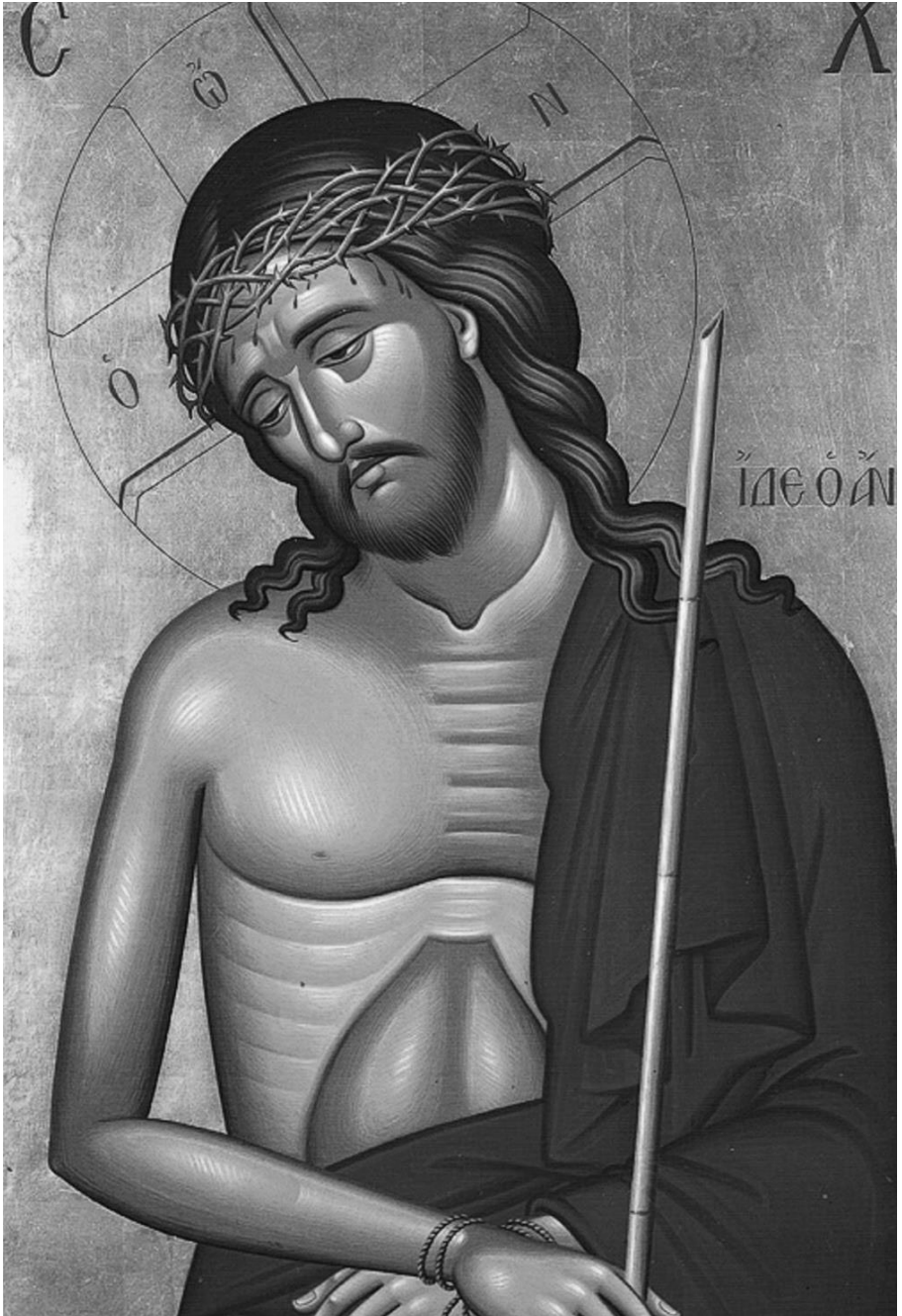




Christ Church  
SHELburnE

Holy Communion for  
Easter Day



## WELCOME

*We're glad that you are here in God's house. This booklet contains everything you need to follow the service. If Anglican worship is unfamiliar to you, that's okay. Prioritize taking it all in with an open heart. Children of all ages are welcome at Christ Church. They are treasures from God. Feel free to move around the church during the service, if that's helpful for keeping your children engaged.*

## ABOUT THE SERVICE

*Easter has arrived! Our celebration of the resurrection of Christ began a few hours ago, when we lit the Paschal Candle, which represents the light of Jesus' resurrection which drives away the darkness of death, and which now burns in the sanctuary.*

*The key word of this service is "Alleluia!" Easter morning is the most celebratory occasion of the Christian year. We celebrate the victory of light over darkness, of life over death, of hope over despair, and of forgiveness over guilt.*

*This is a service of Holy Communion. Unlike the services of the past few days which have used special prayers, almost the entire service is "the usual thing." (If you're visiting today, this service will give you an idea of what our worship is like most weeks.) But, far from being an "ordinary Sunday," today's service is the basis for what we do every other Sunday of the year. Every week, we celebrate our Saviour Jesus Christ as one who offered himself to God as a willing sacrifice for human sin, descended into death, and rose again to be a source of renewed life for all who place their hope in him. Every Sunday is a "little Easter."*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
 our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
 who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
 unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!  
 who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!  
 our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
 now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
 where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. *Let us therefore celebrate the festival*, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth*. Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; *death no longer has dominion over him*. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, *but the life he lives he lives to God*. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin *and alive to God in Christ Jesus*. Christ has been raised from the dead, *the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*. For as by a man came death, *by a man has come also the*

*resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.* Alleluia! Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. *Let us therefore celebrate the festival, alleluia.*

Entrance

*Priest, then all together*

† Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Penitential Rite

*(Priest)* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*(All)* *Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.*

*Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.*  
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*(Minister)* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*(All, kneeling) Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(Priest) Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, † pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(Minister) Hear what comforting words our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Hear also what Saint Paul says: This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear also what Saint John says: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

*All, standing*

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collects

*Priest*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech you, that as you put into our minds good desires by your grace, so by your continual help we may bring that grace to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily to sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lesson ✦ Isaiah 25:6-9

Sitting

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Gradual ✦ Psalm 118:22-25

Reader & people respond

Alleluia! The same stone which the builders rejected *has become the chief cornerstone*. This is the LORD'S doing, *and it is marvelous in our eyes*. On this day the LORD has acted; *we will rejoice and be glad in it*. Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *Lord, send us now success. Alleluia!*

Epistle ✦ Colossians 3:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Holy Gospel ✦ John 20:1-10

Standing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*The Alleluia is repeated three times, each time in a higher key.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.

*Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Then the priest reads the Gospel. After, priest and people respond:*

The Gospel of Christ.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sermon

*Please be seated after the priest makes the sign of the cross.*

Now let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess God the Holy Trinity, one in essence and undivided:

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.*

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!  
 earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!  
 sing, ye heavens and earth reply: alleluia!



Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!  
following our exalted head, alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

## Intercession

*The priest brings the bread and wine into the midst of the people, to later present them at the altar with the people's prayers. The priest bids the people to pray. Then the minister reads several petitions. After each the priest and people say,*

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

## Offertory Sentence

*Priest, then all together*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

*And of your own have we given you.*

## Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*It is right and just so to do.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and saying,

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. † Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## Prayer of Consecration

*Priest*

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving are yours ...

*The priest continues the prayer, which concludes,*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to 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.*

## Peace

Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Not as the world gives do I give to you." The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

## Preparation for Communion

*Kneeling*

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own right-eousness, but in your abundant 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 character 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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

*Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

## Holy Communion

*Then the priest and minister distribute Holy Communion at the altar rail. Everyone is welcome to approach the altar—believers and non-believers, and members of all denominations. Holy Communion is about renewing our participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus which we initiate in baptism and continue by faith. If you have not been baptized or do not believe in Jesus, you may still come forward. Just cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the Body and Blood of Christ.*

## Hymn

Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness;  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendour,  
there with joy your praises render  
to the Lord whose grace unbounded  
has this royal banquet founded:  
though all other powers excelling,  
with my soul he makes his dwelling.

Lord, I bow before you lowly,  
filled with joy most deep and holy,  
as with trembling awe and wonder  
all your mighty works I ponder—  
how, by mystery surrounded,  
depth no one has ever sounded,  
none may dare to pierce unbidden  
secrets that in you are hidden.

Shining sun, my life you brighten,  
radiance, you my soul enlighten;  
joy, the best of all our knowing,

fountain, swiftly in me flowing:  
at your feet I kneel, my Maker—  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this sacred food from heaven,  
for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,  
let me gladly here obey you;  
never to my hurt invited,  
always by your love delighted:  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts your hands have given  
let me be your guest in heaven.

### Thanksgiving after Communion

*Priest*

Let us pray: Almighty and everliving God ...

*The priest continues the prayer, which concludes,*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Blessing

*Priest*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.

Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you won.*

See! 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 the Lord is living; death hath lost its sting! *(Refrain)*

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;  
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. *(Refrain)*



## REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday, 8:00 AM      *Traditional, no music*

Sunday, 10:30 AM      *Contemporary, with music*