

Lighting the Paschal Candle

God of the present, the past and the future, your Light shines upon all people everywhere, as this candle shines in this place may your Light shine in our hearts and lives and your Spirit unite all your people in this act of worship. **Amen.**

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn - Rejoice the Lord is King

Acclamation (from Psalm 97)

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice!

Let the farthest coastlands be glad.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

For you, O LORD, are supreme over all the earth.

May all rejoice in the LORD our King,

and praise his holy name!

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children

there is no room for fear in love,

we love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that all the people of the earth may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading Psalm 95:1-6

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-48

when announced: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

at the end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection

Intercessions

Hymn - The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

Eucharistic 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 God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

You made us,

all the people of the world,
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.

Your Word lights up our minds.

Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us

so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,

but already we laugh with the saints and angels,

and sing their joyful song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, O blessed is he

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,
even when we fail you.

You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick,

cared for those who were poor,

and cried with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks

in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died,

while he was having supper with his friends,

he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,

he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,

that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us,

***we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died and rose again
to live now in us.
Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.***

Send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this wine,
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.
With all your people we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord unite us in this sign.

The Lord's Prayer

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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.***

The Rector consumes the bread on behalf of all.

Thanksgiving

Lord, as we turn from the glories of Christ our King towards Advent.
May your glory never fade in our lives.
As we rejoice to call Christ King.
Help us to remember the humility with which he served.
As we celebrate the fulfilment of your promise.
Help us to live as people of hope and light in all the dark places and situations of this world.
As we celebrate the bounty and generosity of God, help us to always be generous people.
Generous in all we do and say and think.

Give thanks to our Gracious God.
Whose mercy endures for ever.

Blessing

The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you ever more.
Amen.

Dismissal

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

Extinguishing the Gathering Candle
Postlude
Breakout rooms