



Sharing the Feast of Life on Easter Morning

*Introductory music, followed by welcome by ministry
team member*

Opening song

**Jesus, stand among us in thy risen pow'r;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.**

**Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev'ry heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.**

**Thus with quickened footsteps we'll pursue our way,
watching for the dawning of eternal day.**

Centring chant

Jubilate Deo, Jubilate Deo, alleluia!

[Make a joyful noise to the Lord, alleluia!]

Christ is risen!

Jesus said:

Do not cling ...

Let me be bigger than your heart can hold.

Rise with me to a larger vision.

We shall rise with Christ to a larger vision!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering

*In small groups we finish making the three scenes:
the three crosses, the garden and the empty tomb.*

Opening hymn

We move to the three crosses.

Prayer of Reconciliation

*We take stones, and reflect on all those things for which
we need to receive God's forgiveness and healing; we
leave the stones at the foot of the Cross.*

Absolution

God has raised us from the death of despair and guilt
into new life in Christ. Let us proclaim resurrection:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Gloria

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest:
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

We move to the garden.

Prayer for the Day

O God,

whose love rolled the stone away

when Christ stepped forth from the tomb;

thank you for the gift of new life you give to us
in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ.

Help us to step out in faith from the shadows
of our fear and disbelief

and walk with us into the future

you have prepared for us,

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Ministry of the Word

The Gospel

We listen to a dramatic reading of the Gospel.

Reflection

A response to the Gospel

Credal hymn

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

The Peace

Jesus stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you; why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share the Peace with one another ...

... and then gather around the altar/the empty tomb.

*We sing our **offertory hymn** as the children bring up the bread and wine for the celebrant.*

The Preparation of the Gifts

The minister thanks God for the bread and wine and for ourselves. We say together:

Blessed be God for ever.

Thanksgiving Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister says the Eucharistic prayer, finishing with these or similar words:

... to join the eternal song of heaven:

We sing:

He is Lord, he is Lord,

he is risen from the dead and he is Lord.

**Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

He is Love, he is Love,

he is risen from the dead and he is Love.

**Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is Love.**

The Lord's Prayer

O God in heaven,

**Mother and Father of us all,
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 for ever.**

Amen.

Breaking the Bread

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

Invitation

The minister invites all to receive Communion.

The Communion

*Each person receives, responding **Amen** to the words of the minister:*

The body of Christ, the bread of life: **Amen**
The blood of Christ, the cup of blessing: **Amen**

We remain standing around the altar until everyone has received communion, and then return to our seats.

Prayer after Communion

**Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death;
victory is ours through the One who loves us.
Amen.**

Notices

Final hymn

Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of the God of Love,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

We are God's people, loved and cherished:
We go out in joy.

We are God's people, called and challenged:
We go out in joy.

We are God's people, refreshed and forgiven:
We go out in joy.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.