

Douglas Union with Frankfield
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A SHORT SERVICE TO BE USED AT HOME

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(Where two or more people are gathered for worship the sentences in **bold type** are read by all)

The Greeting

Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

O Lord, open our lips, **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**
Let us worship the Lord. **All praise to his name.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Penitence

Lord God, you raised your Son from the dead.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, through you we are more than conquerors.
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you help us in our weakness.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path. *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,

³⁶“Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ‘O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.’
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with

them,¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[1] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

A Canticle

The Easter Anthems

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
8 for as in Adam all die:
even so 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 shall be for ever. Amen.

The Sermon

Reflection on the Gospel Passage – *See attached email video clip.*

The Response to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

This affirmation of faith may be used instead of the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**we believe and trust in One God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Prayers of the People *See attached email video clip if you wish to listen to these prayers.*

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,
help us to give food to the hungry ...
and nourish us all with your word.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth
and fill us with your life.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, good shepherd
who gave your life for the sheep,
recover the straggler, bind up the injured,
strengthen the sick
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...
Raise us with them to eternal life.
Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Going Out as God's People

A Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us,

let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection to new life,
let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world,
let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guides us,
let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world,
let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us say together:

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

We go in the peace of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!