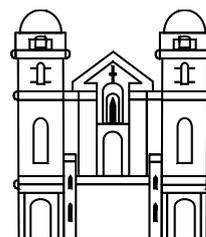




St James the Greater
Leicester



Sung Eucharist in Eastertide



The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

Triumphant in his glory now,
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

(Fulbert of Chartres)

Please join in with the responses which are in **bold** on the Order of Service.

Please return this booklet to the back of the Church at the end of the service.

A large print version of this booklet is available, please ask a Churchwarden.

It can also be downloaded from www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

The Gathering

On Easter Day: Please *REMAIN SITTING* as the procession enters. The ministers and choir go through the north aisle and form up at the back of the church. The Choir sings the *INTROIT*.

After the Introit please stand for the *HYMN* - see hymn board or leaflet for the number. During the hymn the choir move into the chancel.

On other Sundays: Stand for the *HYMN* - see hymn board or leaflet for the number. During the hymn the choir move into the chancel.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Please sit or kneel for the Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Choir:	Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy
	Christe eleison	Christ have mercy
	Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Please stand – the following refrain may be sung by the congregation:

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

A different setting may be sung by choir and congregation from a separate card.

The Collect

The Collect is said and we respond:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the reading. At the end of the reading, the speaker says:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gradual Hymn – see hymn board or leaflet for number

Gospel Reading

All stand and face the Gospel reader

Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sit for the Sermon.

The Creed

Please stand

[Sung to an 87 87 or 87 87D tune]

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel for the prayers

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

The Preparation of the Table

The Offertory Hymn is sung: see hymn board or leaflet for number.

A collection is taken. If you are visiting and are a UK tax payer please use one of the gift aid envelopes (completing the details)

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared – bread and wine are placed upon it

The Priest takes the bread and wine:

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen

The 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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sit or kneel

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as
we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of
your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his
death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with [N and] all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

Choir:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive. Alternatively you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – bring this service booklet to indicate that a blessing is requested. The steps to the left and right of the altar have a hand rail. Follow the Wardens' directions to go forward.

An Anthem may be sung by the choir.

See hymn board or leaflet for Communion Hymn number.

The post Communion Prayer is said, then the following:

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you for always. **Amen.**

Notices may follow here.

*Please stand for the Recessional Hymn – see hymn board or leaflet for number.
As the Procession passes ALL TURN to face the door of the church in readiness to go out as witnesses*

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

Organ voluntary. Please remain standing whilst the Choir depart and be aware of those remaining to listen.

*Please return this Order of Service to the back of church before you leave.
Everyone is invited to remain for refreshments in the hall downstairs (do ask for directions if needed!)*

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