



The Blyth Valley  
Team Ministry

# An Order for the Easter Season 2020



## Introduction and welcome

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed, Alleluia**

*Light a candle*

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

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## 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.

*Silence is kept.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

## Easter praise

Darkness, light,  
angels, women,  
cloths, stones,  
emptiness and weeping.  
All proclaim  
this day,  
first and last,  
ending and beginning,  
new life, new wine,  
new body, new people.  
Old clothes, old skin,  
old ways, old habits,  
left behind  
to gather dust  
while resurrection takes hold,  
holds sway  
and moves on the world.

This is the day  
of resurrection.  
He is not here.  
He has been raised  
and he goes ahead to meet us.  
Story, dreaming,  
past, present,  
turn and spin  
on this moment  
as an empty tomb,  
folded cloths,  
bright angels  
and faithful followers  
declare Christ risen,

spring come,  
new life for heaven and earth.

Glory be to God  
for the dawn of this day.  
Glory be to God  
for the rising of the Son.  
Glory be to God  
for the fresh Spirit of life.

Amen.



## Post Communion Prayer

### Blessing

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be  
with you and remain with you always

We live in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

### The Collect

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**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### **First Reading:**

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

#### **Gospel Reading:**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'  
**All Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*At the end*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only 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,  
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.

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.

I break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

Administration of communion  
You can say at home:

*Father of all,  
I thank you for the gift of the holy body and precious blood  
of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Since at this time I cannot receive him in the holy sacrament,  
may he come spiritually into my heart.  
May the body of my Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for me,  
keep my body and soul in eternal life.  
May the blood of my Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for me,  
keep my body and soul in eternal life.  
And may I feed on him whom I have received in my heart,  
by faith with thanksgiving. Amen.)*

and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as I eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
Receive these gifts in your heart and spirit

renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;**

**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.**

### Prayers of intercession

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.  
That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his  
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...  
we pray to the Father.

**All Hear our prayer.**

### **Prayer.....**

Heavenly Father,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,  
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### The Peace

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

**All Amen**

Let us share virtually peace in our hearts, one with another.  
Peace be with you,

**All And also with you**

## Preparation

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.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**All We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God  
**All It is right to give him 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.  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**All 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,