An Order for Morning Worship During the Easter season



The Gathering

Opening sentences

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

We pray together
One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Amen. Christ, have mercy.

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in these difficult times, we sometimes forget to be thankful, we lose sight of the good things we have, we don't appreciate our loved ones, we get cross with those under our feet and don't appreciate the gift of time. Father forgive us, when our mood, words or actions don't honour your name. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. Amen

Absolution

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad.
for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.
We shall all be one in Christ,
one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.

The Collect for the day is said

Listening

Reading(s)

After each reading

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

Talk

Responding

Profession of Faith

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere
present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen

Prayers

The Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.

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.

Commissioning

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us, wherever He may send us.

May He guide us through the wilderness, protect us through the storm.

May He bring us home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown us.

And may He bring us back together to worship in His name. **Amen**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

This Liturgy is inspired by and uses prayers from the Celtic Christian tradition.