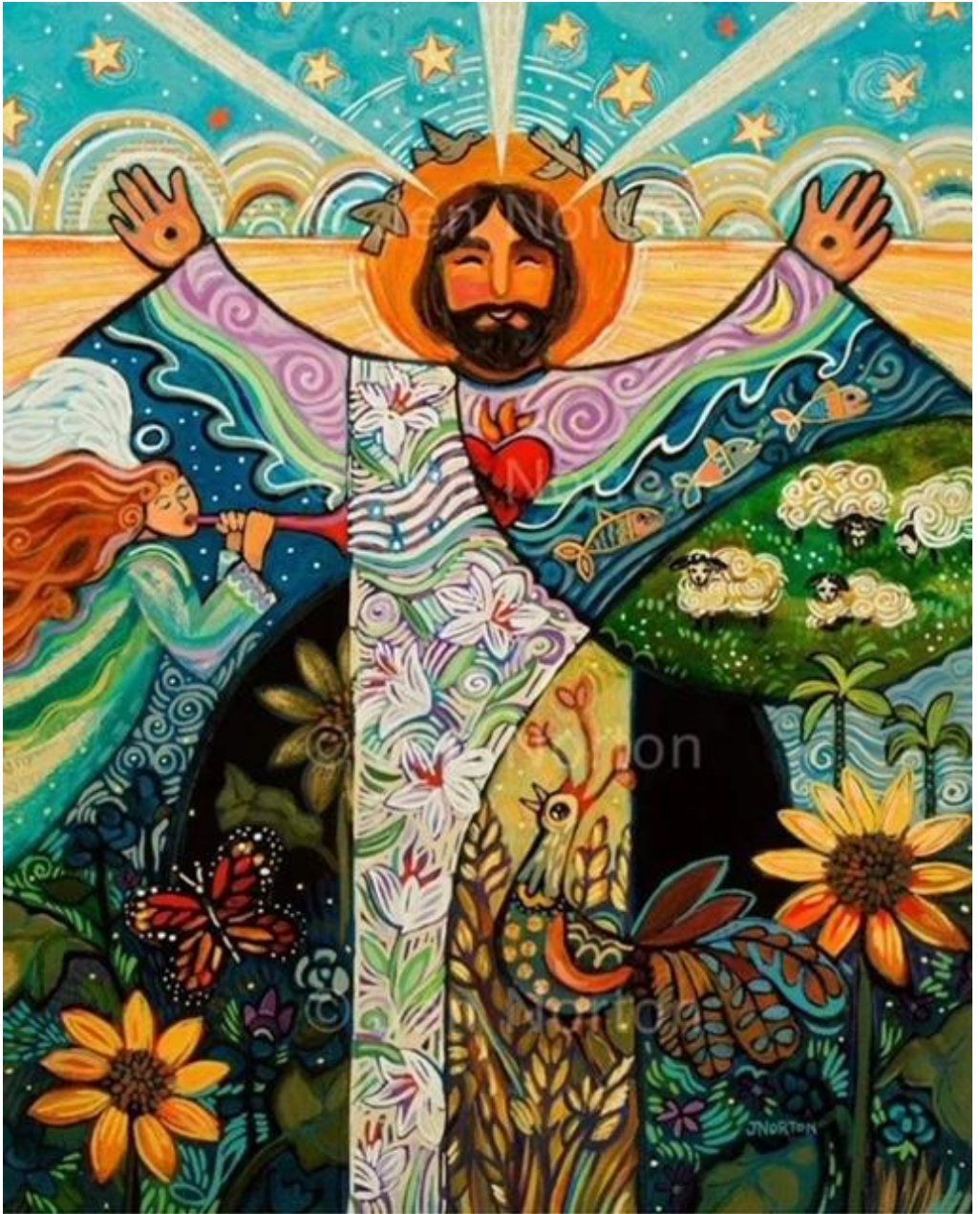


# SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH

## HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EASTER SEASON



# The Gathering

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*The president introduces the liturgy:*

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

**Amen.**

## Hymn

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

## Prayer of Preparation

**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

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in  
sorrow for our sins, and confess to you, and to one another, our  
weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and  
not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power forgive  
you and free you from your sins, heal and  
strengthen you by His Spirit and raise you  
to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the Gloria (music in the back of your hymnbook)*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest, and  
peace to his people on earth. Lord  
God, heavenly King, almighty God,  
and Father, we worship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for  
your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right  
hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of  
God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## The Collect

*The Collect is printed on the weekly newsheet.*

## Liturgy of the word

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### Readings

*At the end of each reading the following response may be used*

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

### Hymn

### The Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N **Glory  
to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise  
to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

### The 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.**

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.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*One of these responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer. or**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

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

*All may say:*

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting  
in our own righteousness, but in your manifold  
and great mercy. We are not worthy so much as  
to gather the crumbs under your table. But you  
are the same Lord whose nature is always to have  
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and  
to drink his blood  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood  
that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.  
Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

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### **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!

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and  
also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please feel free to greet your neighbours with a handshake, a smile, or in some other appropriate way.*

## Hymn

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer

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

*(or)*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself. When we  
turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might  
live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with  
his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take,

eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president 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.**

**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**

*If you are a communicant member of any Christian Church, you  
are welcome to receive communion.*

*Everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*As the bread and wine are given to each communicant, these or similar words are used:*

The body of Christ, broken for you: **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you: **Amen.**

## **Prayers after Communion**

**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 that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Notices**

**Hymn**

## **The Dismissal**

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

**He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us for his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **The 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 God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks  
be to God. Alleluia!**

**We always aim to provide a warm  
welcome here at saint Luke's.  
children are always welcome we  
know god put the wiggles in  
them, there are some activities if  
you need them. If there is any  
thing we can help with , do ask  
and there is always someone  
available to pray with you. Please  
join us for refreshments after the  
service**