

**The Parish of the Transfiguration,
Market Harborough**

EASTER DAY EUCHARIST



Welcome to our Easter Day Eucharist.

Today we remember that day which transformed the course of history and which across the years has transformed countless human lives.

Easter Day – the day on which evil, sorrow and suffering, even death itself, were finally defeated; a day that makes every day and every moment a new beginning.

On 'This Day' the first of days, we rejoice and give thanks, we worship God, the giver of life, we reflect again on the words of that first Easter Day and we rejoice in the new life God offers to each one of us today.

The Gathering

The Easter candle is lit at the back of church.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister carrying the candle raises it and says or sings three times.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

As we sing the Easter Candle is placed on a stand and all other candles in the church are now lit. The stone is rolled from the tomb in the Easter Garden.

The Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

At the end of our reading(s) from the Bible this response is used.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

HYMN

The Gospel *Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Re-affirmation of Baptismal Vows

We gather at the Font for the renewal of our Baptismal promises.

The water in the font is blessed:

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

Affirmation of Christian Faith

Let us affirm, together, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

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 Priest then sprinkles the congregation with water from the font to remind us of our Baptism and of the life and love of Christ freely poured out on us.

Prayers of Intercession *This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia.
and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer those around us a sign of God's peace.

We share God's peace with the people around us.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The minister(s) and people receive communion. All are invited to come to the altar rail to receive the bread and wine or for a prayer to be said with you.

Prayer after Communion *Silence is kept.*

Lord, you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with your Spirit, and make us one in peace and love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious
victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen
Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN

The Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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