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. Amen.

COLLECT (see the Homilies Project sheet*)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

A hymn may be sung

CONCLUSION

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, Give you joy and peace in your faith; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore, **Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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A Service of the Word

for use during Eastertide

Please join in with the words in bold. Invites a pause between lines.

PREPARATION

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 by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own: He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise forever. Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases.

Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom and strengthen our lives with your word, for you are the fountain of life; in your light we see true light. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A hymn may be sung

In baptism we died with Christ, So that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

A short period of silence for reflection

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins. Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ out Lord. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gospel printed on the Homilies Project sheet* and at least one of the other readings referenced there is read. At the end the reader may say: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verses from Psalm 103 are said:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, • and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, • and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins • and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit + and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

Who satisfies you with good things, • so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

HOMILY (see the Homilies Project sheet*)

We affirm our faith: Do you believe and trust in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

The intercessions below may be used with or without appropriate insertions:

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. **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world. we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,

the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

we pray to the Father. Hear our prayer.