THE GATHERING

Introduction

The Easter candle is lit

John: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
John: The light of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

Words of welcome and introduction are said. John then introduces

Prayer of Preparation

All: 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

John: 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.

All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.
John:  May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world  
to save sinners,  
bring us his pardon and peace,  
now and for ever.  

All:  Amen.

Together we give thanks saying  

Gloria in Excelsis  

All:  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  

Silence may be kept for a moment.  John says the Collect for the week (see the Appendix at the end of the Order of Service) ending ...  

John:  ... to the praise/glory of God the Father  
All:  Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**New Testament Reading:** (see the Appendix)

At the end:
*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.
*All:* Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading:** (see the Appendix)

At the beginning:
*Reader:* Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last says the Lord, the living one.
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
*All:* Alleluia
*Reader:* Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John/Luke
*All:* Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:
*Reader:* This is the gospel of the Lord.
*All:* Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

**HYMN**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*John:* Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All:* Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession**

These responses will be used between biddings:
*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy,
*All:* hear our prayer.

At the end:
*Leader:* Merciful Father,
*All:* accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

John: The risen Christ came
and stood among his disciples
and said ‘Peace be with you.’
Then they were glad
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All: and also with you.

The Offertory

At this point in the service we would normally take a collection. We are grateful to all who continue to support Holy Trinity by maintaining their Standing Orders, or by using their Planned Giving envelopes each week in readiness to bring them to church when we re-open. Those of you who don’t use either of these schemes, please remember us either when church re-opens, or by using the Donate button on our website today.

Our gifts of bread and wine, and of ourselves – our faith and commitment, our resources of time and skills and money – are offered and a prayer is said

John: Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer
our sacrifice of praise.
All: Blessèd be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

John: The Lord is here.
All: His Spirit is with us.
John: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
John: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.
John: 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.
He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

\textit{All:} \\
\textit{Holy, holy, holy Lord,} \\
\textit{God of power and might,} \\
\textit{heaven and earth are full of your glory.} \\
\textit{Hosanna in the highest.} \\
\textit{Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.} \\
\textit{Hosanna in the highest.}

\textit{John:} \\
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, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

\textit{All:} \\
\textit{Christ has died,} \\
\textit{Christ is risen:} \\
\textit{Christ will come again.}
John: Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

John introduces
The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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 Bread and Distribution

John breaks the consecrated bread:

John: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.
All: We proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

All: 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.
John: Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

John takes consecrated bread and wine on behalf of all us. If you wish to take bread and
wine as a symbol of joining this act of communion, please do it now.

The blood of Christ. Amen

John then says this blessing for all who felt
unable to join in with their own bread and wine:

John: May the Lord God bless and keep you.
May the Lord make his light shine upon you,
today and always. Amen

After Communion

We say together

All: Almighty God,
We thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen

Any announcements are made.

HYMN

THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

John: The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make us perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

All: Amen.


All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Appendix: Collect and Readings for Sundays in Easter

Second Sunday of Easter (19th April)
Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-end

Third Sunday of Easter (26th April)
Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (3rd May)
Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Acts 2.42-end; John 10.1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter (10th May)
Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Acts 7.55-end; John 14.1-14
Sixth Sunday of Easter (17th May)

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter (24th May)

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 1.6-14; John 17.1-11