

SHARED MINISTRY IN EXNING AND NORTH NEWMARKET

MASS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Greeting

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

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

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

Confession

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.

1 Corinthians 5.7-8

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

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

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

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

**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.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Epistle Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Those were baptised devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2.42-47

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

R: Alleluia! The Lord is my shepherd, who refreshes my soul.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. *R*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. *R*

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *R*.

Psalm 23

Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord,

I know my own and my own know me; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you;

and also with you.

Hear the ✠ Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. *John 10.1-10*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

A short address is given.

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.**

Intercessions

Prayers of intercession are offered.

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

Declaration of 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 risen Christ be always with you;
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. ☩

All may express a sign of peace.

Prayer over the Offerings

Jesus, Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection power; through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
H 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we
celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before
you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand
in your presence and serve you. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all
who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, St Agnes, St Etheldreda, St Martin, St Nicholas, St Philip
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ
our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, ...

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
JBlessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The priest receives communion. Those participating online may make a spiritual communion using the words:

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always
under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!