

THE GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

INTRODUCTION

The president introduces the celebration

Jesus is the true vine, the continuation of the true Israel, and we –his followers-are the vine’s branches. To produce lasting and healthy fruit the branches must remain connected with the vine and we must be prepared to be pruned and reshaped, submitting to the will of our Father, the vine grower who longs to flood the world with love.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

So let us worship celebrating the love of God and praise God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is through Christ's death and resurrection that we receive eternal life.

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Let us come before God to inwardly confess our faults and admit to our frailty and be confident in God’s promise of forgiveness

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & ABSOLUTION

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.**

THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

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. **Amen**

HYMN

Band led

THE READING

At the beginning the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John chapter 15 vv. 1 to 8

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord **ALL: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

THE CREED

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and in earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, Who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love,
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, Who strengthens us
With power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy **ALL: Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful God **ALL: accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

THE LORDS 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 BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God.

And the Blessing of God almighty the father, the son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you and in you always. Amen

All: **Amen. Christ is risen! Alleluiah**

President: He is risen indeed. Allelujah