

# Order of Worship

## Easter - Resurrection of the Lord

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*This liturgy is shaped according to the ancient and ecumenical liturgical ordo and the Scripture readings assigned in the Revised Common Lectionary:*

*Acts 10: 34-43*

*Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*

*1 Corinthians 15: 19-26*

*John 20: 1-18*

*Note: During Eastertide a reading from Acts is often substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible. Also, a series of complimentary readings in addition to the standard readings are offered.*

*The basic structure of this service is the ordo (Gathering, Penitence, Word, Eucharist, Sending) shared by most liturgical traditions. Where there are denominationally-specific expressions, they are referenced:*

*Roman Catholic - Missal, Propers of the Mass for Easter Sunday*

*Presbyterian - Book of Common Worship, pp. 317-330*

*Lutheran - Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Any of 10 settings of Holy*

*Communion, pp. 94 ff. Propers for Resurrection of Our Lord, pp. 30-31*

*Episcopal - Book of Common Prayer, Order for Eucharist, Rites I (pp. 319 ff) and II (pp. 355 ff)*

*Methodist - United Methodist Book of Worship, Service of Word and Table I, pp. 33 ff and The Great Thanksgiving for Easter, p. 66-67*

## Gathering

### Prelude(s)

and or **Introit**, Hymn, or Anthem

*Roman Catholic: Mass for Easter Sunday. Entrance Antiphon, followed by Gloria and Collect*

*Episcopal: Opening sentence(s) follow by Collect, Book of Common Prayer, p. 170 or p. 222*

*Presbyterian: Opening sentences followed by Prayer of the Day, Book of Common Order, p. 317.*

*Lutheran: According to any of the ten settings of Holy Communion in Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pp. 94 ff.*

*Methodist: According to Service of Word and Table, United Methodist Book of Worship, pp. 33 ff and Acts of Worship, pp. 377 ff.*

### Opening Hymn

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## Penitence

*If there is a prescribed penitential order, it occurs here:*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, pp. 319 ff.*

*Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, Penitential Order II, pp. 351 ff.*

*Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 10 settings of Holy Communion, pp. 95 ff*

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, Service of Word and Table, p. 35*

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## Word

### Collect for the Day

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Collect for Easter*

*Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, Penitential Order II, pp. 351 ff.*

*Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 32*

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, Acts of Worship for the Easter Season, p. 384*

*or*

### Prayer for Illumination

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, p. 320*

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*Readings may be introduced and followed by whatever spoken or sung response to the reading of Scripture is customary.*

**First Reading:** Acts 10: 34-43

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*or*

Lector: The First Reading for Easter is recorded in the Book of Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 34<sup>th</sup> verse.

Listen for the Word of God.

*Reading, followed by:*

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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### Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

*The appointment of a portion of Psalm 118 forms a gradual transition from Old to New Testaments. There are many spoken, choral, and metrical settings.*

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**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

Lector: The Second Reading is recorded in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse.

Listen for the Word of God.

Reading, followed by:

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Or whatever spoken or sung response to the reading of Scripture is customary*

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*A procession with the Bible or Gospel Book into the assembly or pulpit/ambo may take place accompanied by a chant or hymn.*

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Easter Sequence followed by Alleluia*

*Lutheran: Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"*

*Whatever is customary in the announcement of the Gospel shall be spoken or chanted here.*

**Gospel:** John 20: 1-18 or alternative Gospels in each of the 3-year lectionary cycle

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Leader: The Gospel is recorded in the Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Listen for the Word of God.

Reading, followed by:

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord!

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

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## **Sermon/Homily**

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*A period of silence may take place, followed by a hymn or anthem.*

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## **Affirmation of Faith**

*If the Sacrament of Baptism/Reaffirmation of Baptism is included, it may occur here, and one of the creeds, particularly the Apostles' Creed, is incorporated in the liturgy.*

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Mass for Easter Sunday includes option here for "renewal Of baptismal promises . . . according to the text used at the Easter Vigil. In that case the Creed is omitted."*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Worship, Reaffirmation of Baptism for a Congregation (pp. 453 ff) includes in rubrics, "fitting times to use this liturgy [are] Baptism of the Lord, any Sunday during the Easter season, the Day of Pentecost, or All Saints' Day.*

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (pp. 111 ff) includes in rubrics, "especially on Easter, Pentecost, All Saints Day, and Baptism of the Lord."*

*Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Thanksgiving for Baptism (p. 97 and p. 119) is an option to the confession of sin at the beginning of the service in Settings One and Two. Otherwise it is part of the Vigil of Easter (pp. 266 ff)*

*Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, Renewal of Baptismal Vows is part of the Easter Vigil*

*A doxology may be sung.*

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*Otherwise the assembly may speak or sing one of the creeds in unison as is customary in the assembly.*

*A hymn or anthem is appropriate here.*

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## **Intercessions**

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*In some traditions intercessions are included in the prayers of the Eucharist. Otherwise intercessions occur here in the formats that are customary in the church's practice.*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Worship, The Season of Easter pp. 322 ff.*

*Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, pp. 383 ff.*

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 397*

*Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 105 or p.127 etc.*

*Customary concluding Response*

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## **Eucharist**

### **Offering and Offertory:**

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Mass for Easter Sunday: Alleluia*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Worship, Invitation to the Lord's Table, p. 324*

### **Presentation:**

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Mass for Easter Sunday: Prayer over the Offerings*

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving:**

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*Some liturgical traditions have authorized settings for the Eucharist. Others have optional and/or alternate settings for special seasons and festivals, especially for Easter Sunday.*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, pp.324 ff (two settings for the Eucharist).*

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Preface I of Easter followed by Eucharistic Prayer I.*

*Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Eucharistic Prayer IV in Settings One and Two are for the seasons of Ash Wednesday through Day of Pentecost.*

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, pp. 66 ff*

*Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayers I or II (Rite I), pp. 333 ff;  
(Rite II) Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C, D pp. 361 -374*

The Communion *with words of distribution as is customary in the assembly and may be accompanied by choral or instrumental music and/or with hymns or Psalms.*

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Order of Mass for Easter Day, Communion Antiphon*

### **Post-communion Thanksgiving:**

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Order of Mass for Easter Day,  
Prayer after Communion*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, Prayer after Communion, pp. 327 ff.*

*Episcopal: Book of Common Prayer, p. 365-366*

*Lutheran: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 114*

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 39*

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*If Eucharist is not celebrated, the service continues with a prayer of thanksgiving*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, p. 328*

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## **Sending**

### **Commission and Blessing:**

*Roman Catholic: Missal, Order of Mass for Easter Day,  
Prayer over the People/Final Blessing*

*Presbyterian: Book of Common Order, Blessing and Charge, pp. 197-198*

*Methodist: United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 39*

*Or*

*Choral or customary congregational responses*

### **\*Hymn or canticle**

Leader: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Postlude:**