

# **KIDDERMINSTER WEST TEAM MINISTRY**



## **EUCHARIST FOR EASTER TO ASCENSION**

PRAYER A

WELCOME

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**  
**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**He has brought us out of darkness.**  
**He has made us light to the world.**

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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.

*We bring to mind those things in our lives  
that we regret. Silence is kept*



## CONFESSION

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

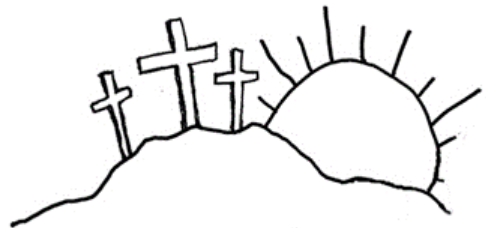
Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*ABSOLUTION; we are assured of God's forgiveness.*

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy  
to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## THE GLORIA

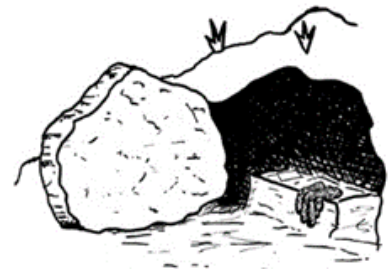
**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**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.**

## THE COLLECT

## READINGS;

*At the end, to;* For the word of the Lord  
*We reply;*       **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia.**

*At the beginning, to;*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ....

*We reply;* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end, to;* This is the gospel of the Lord

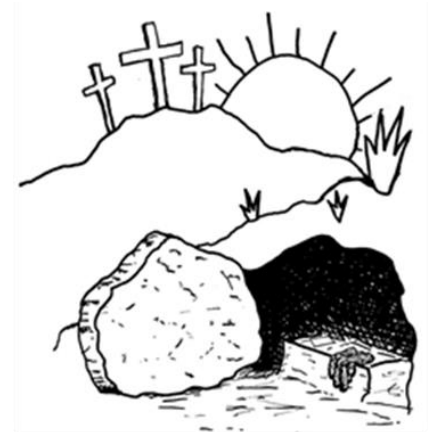
*We reply;* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON OR ADDRESS

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

**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

*This response may be used;*  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*This ending may be used;*  
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## 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 Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

*We share a sign of peace with one another.*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

God of all goodness and grace,  
receive the gifts we offer:

**and grant that our whole life  
may give you glory and praise:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*or*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be  
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (A)

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

*or*

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.**

*The president offers thanksgiving .....*

... while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing forever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
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.**

*The prayer continues .....*

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The prayer concludes .....*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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.**

## THE FRACTION - *Breaking of the Bread*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## THE AGNUS DEI

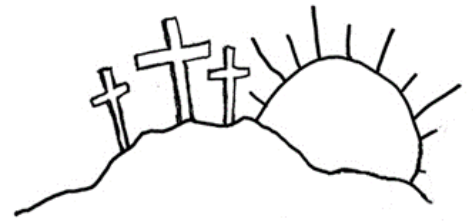
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**



## PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord of our salvation,  
you have restored us to life.  
You have brought us back again into your love.

**You satisfy the hungry with good things  
and make us holy  
through the blood of your Son Jesus Christ,  
the victim who dies no more.  
Grant us a share  
in the banquet of your kingdom.  
Amen**



*The president invites us to communion;*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*or*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed 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.**

*If you are used to receiving the bread and wine, you are welcome to receive it here. If not, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing; please carry your service sheet or hymn book with you in this case, so that we are aware what you are seeking.*

*If you will not be receiving Holy Communion, you may like to use the prayer which follows, in silence.*

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
present in bread and wine, and present in your people,  
who are gathered in body and in spirit.  
Although I do not receive your body and your blood,  
in this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

May you, who died for love of me,  
be now welcomed in my heart,  
May you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul.  
May you, who give yourself again,  
fill me with grace, and heavenly blessing.  
Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you,  
and for your reign of justice and peace, increase,  
that I may, with your Spirit,  
work for that day when your kingdom shall come on earth  
as it is heaven.  
Amen

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands  
the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices and Banns of Marriage  
may be read.*



## BLESSING

*This or another blessing is used;*

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

