



## Sharing the Feast of Life during the Corona Crisis

**Easter 2020**  
**Alleluia Christ is Risen!**

*Please have ready: a candle, a bible, and bread and wine/juice*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*We all light a candle*

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day and week,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Jesus, stand among us in thy risen power;  
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.  
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;  
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.  
Thus with quickened footsteps we'll pursue our way,  
watching for the dawning of eternal day.*

Living God, who came to your world and entered human pain: **Come and be in every painful place in our lives, in every painful place in our world today.**

Living God, who worked in secret darkness to raise Christ from the grave: **Come and work in every secret dark place of our lives, in every secret dark place of our world today.**

Living God, who sent women out to proclaim the resurrection to the frightened, imprisoned disciples: **Come and empower us in every frightened, imprisoned place in our lives, in every frightened, imprisoned place in our world today.**

Living God, Risen God, Easter God: **Come and make us your living church, your risen church, your Easter church, today and every day. Amen.**

*Easter Collect*

**God unlimited  
by mortal fear  
or tomb's cold grip:  
in the lingering dark  
give us grace to know  
your life triumphant  
your love undimmed  
in the face of Jesus Christ,  
the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**



*Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.  
Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word!*

*Readings*

*Reflection*

*Affirmation of faith and hope*

We believe in a light that smothers darkness.  
**It tears through every shadow in our world,  
and leaves a clarity brighter than the sun,  
and we name that light: God!**

We believe in a love that crushes hatred,  
**and leaves a space for forgiveness,**  
**to rebuild, redesign, and re-create our world,**  
**and we name that love: God!**

We believe in a truth that rips through injustice  
**revealing a different vision for our world:**  
**of freedom, fairness, and future,**  
**and we name that truth: God!**

We believe in a hope that rattles oppressors,  
**shaping the intent of the Creator**  
**for a people destined for love,**  
**and we name that hope: God!**

We believe in a time towards which all history travels,  
**where all our lives will be held,**  
**and bound into eternity,**  
**and we name that time: God!**

#### *Candle Prayers*

*Please write prayer requests in the Facebook Live comments (remembering that this is public space!)*

#### *The Peace*

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all***

***Trail wide the hem of your garment.***

***Bring healing, bring peace.***

#### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on our tables in bread and wine,  
so may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**



We praise you, God who is our Resurrection and our Life. In Jesus you confronted the powers that kill and oppress; by the mystery of his passion, he has conquered the powers of death and hell, restored in humanity the image of your glory, and opened to us the gates of life eternal. And so earth and heaven resound with joy and sing your praise:

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

***God of heaven and earth adored***

*Ceasing never, God for ever,  
Holy, holy Lord.*

Holy God, in the breaking of bread Jesus shows himself among us. Eating with his disciples, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and said,  
'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'  
After supper he took the cup of wine and said, 'This is my blood, which I pour out for you: the new covenant in God's love. Do this to remember me.'

Spirit of God, come afresh on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine  
**that they may make us one body in Christ.**

Open our eyes  
**that we may recognise you walking with us;**

Open our ears and our minds  
**that we may hear your word;**

Open our hearts  
**that your love may flow through us  
and bring the blessing of new life to all we meet;**

For you are the God who makes all things new,  
and surprises us into understanding.  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**O God in heaven,  
Mother and Father of us all  
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.**

This bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. Though physically distanced, we stay spiritually connected:  
**we who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in Him and you will not thirst.*

*Please share some bread and juice/wine at home*

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come to Him and never be hungry.  
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trust in Him and you will not thirst.*

*Prayer after communion*

**Holy God, you have met us in our isolation,  
embraced our brokenness, named us 'beloved',  
claimed us for eternity.**

**We thank you, living, loving God.**

*Blessing*

**O Jesus, stretch forth your wounded hands over your people to heal and to restore,  
and to draw us to yourself  
and to one another in love. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to all that is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak; help the afflicted;  
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of the God who is Love:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
Be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYBODY 😊**