



## Sharing the Feast of Life in Easter Season

**Alleluia Christ is Risen!**

*We all light a candle*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Where shattered hearts are made whole,  
where wounded souls are healed,  
where life is stronger than death:

**there Christ is risen – alleluia!**

Where the lonely become friends,  
where a stranger is welcomed home,  
where hope is stronger than despair,

**there Christ is risen – alleluia!**

Where closed wallets are opened,  
where the anxious find serenity,  
where love is stronger than hate:

**there Christ is risen – alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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.**

*Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.*

*Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word!*

*Readings and reflection*

*Affirmation of faith and hope*

We believe in a light that smothered 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!**

*Prayers*

*Please write your prayer requests into the comments*

*(remembering that this is a public space)*

*and offer one another's prayers to God.*

*Into the light of Easter morning  
we bring all who are struggling with illness  
and despair over their lives.*

*May the light of Christ shine upon them.*

*Into the light of Easter morning,  
we bring those places in our world  
where war, violence, poverty and need  
are the experiences of everyday life.  
May the light of Christ shine upon them.*

*Into the light of Easter morning,  
we bring the pain of those  
suffering violence, bereavement or conflict.*

*May the light of Christ shine upon them.*

*And into the light of Easter morning  
we bring our selves: our private struggles,  
our hearts' yearnings, our hidden dreams,  
our frustrations and unfulfilled potential.  
May the light of Christ shine upon us.*

*The Peace*

Jesus descended to death and hell,  
passed through doors locked by fear  
to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity;  
nothing can now separate us  
from the love of God.

***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,*

*my heart, my heart adores you.*

*My heart is glad to say the words*

*You are 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.**

*Halle, Halle, Halle – lujah! (x3)*  
*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

**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*

*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.*

*The Easter Acclamations*

Alleluia Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise God the Mother and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**God has given us new life and hope.**

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

God has claimed us as God's own.

**God has brought us out of darkness,  
and made us light to the world.**

*News and notices*

*Blessing*

May the risen Christ,  
who turns darkness to light and despair to hope,  
fill us with his new life...

We are God's people, loved and cherished:

**We go out in joy.**

We are God's people, called and challenged:

**We go out in joy.**

We are God's people, refreshed and forgiven:

**We go out in joy.**

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYBODY 😊**