

*Reepham & Wensum Valley Team  
Churches*

Service of Family Communion - Easter  
Season

**Welcome**

The Greeting & Welcome

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

**Lord, speak to us  
That we may hear your word.  
Move among us  
That we may see your glory  
Receive our prayers  
That we may learn to trust you.  
Amen.**

**Saying Sorry**

We come now to say sorry for the times  
when we have hurt God and the people  
around us by what we have said and  
done. In a time of quiet we think of  
those things and times.  
*(there will be a short pause)*

*We may say*

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your  
resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own  
eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love bring you back to  
himself, forgive you your sins, and assure  
you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our  
Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Gloria May be Said or Sung*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the  
Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the  
Father.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. (x3)**

Glory to God, glory to God, son of the  
Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, son of the  
Father.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. (x3)**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the  
Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the  
Spirit.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. (x3)**



## God's Word to us

*The Collect Prayer is said*

*The first reading from the Bible may be read*

*The Gospel is introduced with these words;*

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

**Glory to you O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel the reader says;*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Talk*

## What We Believe

Let us think about and answer these questions.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## The Prayers

*(At the end of each petition may be said,*

*'Lord in your mercy'...*

**Hear Our Prayer)**



## The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among the 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.**

*The following prayer is used when the Altar is prepared.*

With this bread that we bring  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body

Wine for his blood

Gifts of God to his table we bring

**We shall remember Jesus.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer



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.**

*(Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?)*

*Answer Listen and you will hear.)*

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful  
earth,  
to discover and to cherish...

...And now we give you thanks  
because in his victory over the grave a  
new age has dawned,  
the long reign of sin is ended,  
a broken world is being renewed  
and humanity is once again made whole.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious  
name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.]**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine.  
may be for us Christ's body and his  
blood.

*(Question Why do we share this bread  
and wine?)*

*Answer Listen and you will hear.)*

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of  
wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disci-  
ples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and  
for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen  
life.

As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*(Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
Answer Listen and you will hear.)*

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
and to work together for that day  
when the whole world is fed,  
suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your  
loving arms.

And now with [N and] all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us.

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Minister breaks the consecrated  
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.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of**

**the world. Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of  
the world. Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of  
the world. Grant us peace.**

### **Receiving of Communion**

God's holy gifts

For God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**To the glory of God the Father.**

*(We receive Holy Communion)*

### **Post Communion Prayer & Closing Blessing**

A Post Communion Prayer may be used  
followed by...

**In darkness and in light,**

**In trouble and in joy,**

**Help us heavenly Father,**

**To trust your love,**

**To serve you,**

**And to praise your name;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 al-

ways. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia,

Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**