

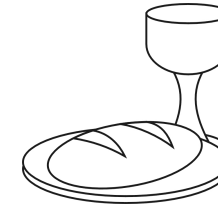
### We Give Thanks

We thank You, O God, for Your life,  
pulsing in creation  
revealed in Jesus  
renewed in resurrection  
and available to us now.

*Thank You for touching us again with Your life  
through bread and wine;  
For joining our lives with Yours  
through Jesus;  
And for renewing resurrection in our hearts  
through your Holy Spirit.*

Filled with life,  
we now offer ourselves to be life-bringers in the world.  
Touched by resurrection  
we pledge to resist death wherever we find it.  
Filled with hope  
we embrace the promise of eternity,  
and the call to make it known at every opportunity.

*Through us may graves continue to be opened,  
And may the dead continue to be awakened to new life.  
In Jesus Name.  
Amen.*



## A Communion Liturgy for Easter Sunday

### We Gather and We Celebrate

What are we to make of this day?  
When graves are opened...  
When the dead awaken...  
When life refuses to be contained...

*Then nothing is impossible!  
Hope is never extinguished  
and love is never conquered.*

We celebrate You today, Jesus,  
Because You have made it clear that death does not have the last word;  
Because You have filled us again with hope and faith;  
Because You have given us a vision of new possibilities, new realities,  
and new ways of being.

*Open our minds to believe what we cannot explain;  
Open our hearts to hope for what we cannot see;  
Open our lives to live and to love in the midst of death and despair;  
Let resurrection happen again in us today.  
Amen.*

### We Acknowledge Our Need

God, resurrection is not what we expect in our world.

On the face of things, life seems to be under threat...

our earth is grieving,  
our families are fracturing,  
our nations are at war,  
and the light of our hope is growing dim.

*We need the stone to be rolled away again.*

Forgive us and all who have failed to honour  
and preserve life in all its diversity and glory  
Forgive us and all who have allowed relationships  
to become less important than riches or recognition  
Forgive us and all who continue to exalt our needs and desires  
over those of others,  
and who are prepared to kill to prove it.

Forgive us and all who have grown blind  
to all the signs of resurrection that beckon us still.

*We need the stone to be rolled away again.*

*We need life to break out within us again.*

*We need love to consume us again.*

*Resurrect us today, O Lord,*

*and make us agents of Your life wherever dying and grief hold sway.*

*For Jesus sake.*

*Amen.*

*The Lord's Prayer*

### We Feast at the Lord's Table

Christ is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let's celebrate this irrepressible life;

let's open our hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility,  
of unquenched hope,  
of eternal resurrection.

*We celebrate, we raise our voices and our hearts in worship and thanksgiving  
to the God who lives.*

Resurrection happened because Christ was first prepared to die.

Defying death, He refused to release His hold on life and love.

So now, as He encouraged us, we choose to remember  
so that we too can truly live.

At supper on the night before He died

Jesus took bread and blessed it.

Then He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying:

*This is my body, broken so that you may know life.*

*Eat it and remember Me.*

After the meal Jesus took wine and blessed it.

Then He gave it to His disciples saying:

*This is my blood, shed so that you may know life.*

*Drink it and remember Me.*

So, now, Lord of Life, we share in this meal, we celebrate together,  
and we remember You.

And we will continue to do this until resurrection  
has flooded the whole creation.

*Amen.*

May this bread and this wine become for us in this moment  
your life-giving body and blood,

And may we who share this meal, be joined with you,  
and with one another,

as one body united in resurrection life,

and sharing with all of creation in your eternal salvation.

*Amen.*

As we break this bread, we receive Christ's life

*In all our diversity, in all our individuality,*

*as we share this one loaf*

*we are one.*

*Communion is received.*