

EASTERTIDE PENITENTIAL RITE WITH SPRINKLING

Invitations to Confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

or

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

cf Romans 6.4

or

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

Confessions (*if the Penitential Kyries are used*)

[Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
We come to you in sorrow for our sins,
And confess to you our weakness and unbelief.]

We have lived by our own strength,
And not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy. (Kyrie, eleison)
Lord, have mercy. (Kyrie, eleison)

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
As faithless and not believing.
Christ, have mercy. (Christe, eleison.)
Christ, have mercy. (Christe, eleison.)

We have lived for this world alone,
And doubted our home in heaven.
Lord, have mercy. (Kyrie, eleison)
Lord, have mercy. (Kyrie, eleison)

or

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

or

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.

*This form of absolution may appropriately be used at the Sunday
Eucharist in Eastertide.*

The president prays over a vessel of water

God our Father,
your gift of water
brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign
of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray. / [*or, if using water already hallowed –*
You have sanctified this water.]

Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The president and people are sprinkled.
Suitable hymns, songs or anthems may be sung.*

**Come, flowing waters, pure and clear,
God's Holy Spirit bringing near,
Let us praise him! Alleluia!
Join each to each in peace and love,
With life you give us from above.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

T: Laast uns erfreuen

Vidi aquam

**Flowing water, flowing water
from the temple of the Lord:
alleluia for the blessings
from God's presence, freely poured.**

**Alleluia! Christ, who frees us
from the barren wastes of sin,
gives his promised Holy Spirit –
living waters, deep within.**

**Not some ancient mystic vision,
but God's vibrant Word today:
Christ, who satisfies our thirsting,
is the true and living way.**

**Glory! Father, Son and Spirit,
threefold One whom we adore –
glory as at the beginning,
glory now and evermore.**

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Ezekiel 47:1, John 7:37-39, 14:6, Romans 5:5, Colossians 1:13, Revelation 4:8
Metre: 8 7 8 7 e.g. Laus Deo, Sicilian Mariners, Stuttgart, Sussex ; or, 8787D, e.g. Lux Eoi

The president concludes with this or another authorised absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Common Worship: Times & Seasons

