

Eucharistic Prayers for the Easter Season, Year A

These eucharistic prayers are drawn from the themes of the lectionary texts for the six Sundays between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. Note that there are six options in each of the three sections that make up the body of the prayer; these are to be used as indicated on the appropriate Sunday in Easter. In this format, the Words of Institution should be used at the Invitation to the Table or the Breaking of the Bread.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

(Easter 2) Our hearts are glad, our tongues rejoice, and we live now in hope – for you have made known to us the way of life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (Acts 2:14a, 22-32)

(Easter 3) You call us to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that we may be saved, and our sins may be forgiven, and you pour out upon us the gift of your Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

(Easter 4) You are our shepherd, O Lord, and in you there is nothing we lack. You lead us to green pastures and still waters; you restore our souls. You prepare a table before us; the cup of blessing overflows! (Psalm 23)

(Easter 5) You are a rock of refuge and a strong fortress for us. In times of trouble and seasons of shame you deliver us, for you are our redeemer, O Lord, our faithful God. (Psalm 31)

(Easter 6) You are the Lord of heaven and earth, maker of all things, and we are your children, by the grace of Jesus Christ. In you, O God, we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17:22-31)

(Easter 7) You ride upon the clouds, awesome in majesty and power, pouring out your mercy on the parched places of the earth, and showering down blessings upon those who are in need. (Psalm 68)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

(Easter 2) With Thomas we confess that Christ Jesus is our Lord and our God! He breathes on us with the gift of the Spirit, and the power of forgiveness. By the gift of faith we have eternal life in his name. (John 20:19-31)

(Easter 3) Jesus appeared to his disciples on the road to Emmaus, and their hearts burned within them when he spoke of your word. Even now he is known to us in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:13-35)

(Easter 4) We are the sheep of your pasture, and Christ Jesus is the gate.
He came that we might have life, and have it abundantly.
Therefore we listen for his voice and seek to follow him. (John 10:1-10)

(Easter 5) Christ Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
He goes ahead of us, to make a place for us in your house.
We believe in you and we trust in him to lead us home. (John 14:1-14)

(Easter 6) Because Christ lives, we also live in hope and love.
Though he ascended into heaven, he did not leave us alone,
but sent the Spirit of truth to abide with us forever. (John 14:15-21)

(Easter 7) To Christ you gave all honor and power and glory,
and through him you give us the gift of eternal life.
We belong to Christ, and in Christ, we belong to you. (John 17:1-11)

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with your church in all the world.

(Easter 2) Give us a share of that imperishable, unfading inheritance –
new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead –
and believing in him, may we rejoice with indescribable and glorious joy. (1 Pet. 1:3-9)

(Easter 3) Let us be born anew through your living and enduring word;
purify our souls in obedience to your truth;
and teach us to love one another deeply, and with genuine affection. (1 Pet. 1:17-23)

(Easter 4) Like the first believers, fill us with the awe and wonder of your presence
as we devote ourselves to your teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer,
sharing what we have and giving to those who are in need. (Acts 2:42-47)

(Easter 5) Build us up, like living stones, into a spiritual house,
and let us be your chosen people, your royal priesthood,
proclaiming your mighty and marvelous work. (1 Pet. 2:1-10)

(Easter 6) Help us to seek what is good in your sight,
with gentleness and reverence, and a clear conscience,
proclaiming our hope in Christ the Lord. (1 Pet. 3:13-22)

(Easter 7) Teach us to cast all our anxiety on you, for you care for us.
Give us the discipline and strength to resist what is evil,
so that we may shout with joy when Christ's glory is revealed. (1 Pet. 4:12-14; 5:6-11)

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**