

Eucharistic Prayers for the Easter Season, Year B

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) You established your church to testify to the power of Christ's resurrection, a people of one heart and soul, holding everything in common, sharing their abundance with the poor. (*Acts 4:32-35*)
- (Easter 3) You are the God of our ancestors, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You spoke through your prophets of the Messiah who would come to suffer so that all might repent and be delivered from sin. (*Acts 3:12-19*)
- (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; our cup overflows! (*Psalms 23*)
- (Easter 5) All the ends of the earth turn to you and worship you, O Lord. The poor eat, and they are satisfied; those who seek you praise your name. Even those who sleep in the dust bow down before you. (*Psalms 22:25-31*)
- (Easter 6) The sea roars, the floods clap their hands; the hills sing together for joy, for you judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. All the ends of the earth have seen your victory! (*Psalms 98*)
- (Easter 7) You watch over the faithful, O Lord: those who keep your word. They are like trees, planted by streams of water; they yield fruit in due season, and prosper in all things. (*Psalms 1*)

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) Christ is our peace. He still comes among us to eat with us, to speak with us, and to open our minds so that we may understand the scriptures. We are witnesses: Through Christ your word is fulfilled. (*Luke 2:36b-48*)

- (Easter 4) Christ Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.
He gathers them from far and wide, so that there may be one flock, one fold.
He knows his own, and they know him. (*John 10:11-18*)
- (Easter 5) Christ is the true vine, and you, O God, are the vine grower.
He is the vine, and we are the branches.
In Christ, we bear fruit; apart from him, we can do nothing. (*John 15:1-8*)
- (Easter 6) There is no greater love than the love revealed to us in Christ Jesus,
who taught us to love one another even as he has loved us,
and who laid down his own life in love for the world. (*John 15:9-17*)
- (Easter 7) You sent Jesus Christ into the world to save us, to sanctify us in the truth.
Still, Christ prays for us, to guard and protect us from evil.
We belong to Christ, and in Christ we belong to you. (*John 17:6-19*)

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, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.

- (Easter 2) Make our joy complete! Lead us to walk in the light of Christ.
Continue to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
for you alone, O Lord, are faithful and just. (*1 John 1:1–2:2*)
- (Easter 3) Help us to show the world the great love that you have given us,
that, in Jesus Christ, we should be called children of God—
and that is what we are! (*1 John 3:1-7*)
- (Easter 4) Teach us to love, not only in word or in speech, but in truth and action also.
Show us how to love one another, and to serve our sisters and brothers,
so that Christ will abide in us, and we may abide in him. (*1 John 3:16-24*)
- (Easter 5) Let us love one another, for love is from you, O God; you are love.
Fill us with your perfect love that casts out all fear,
so that we may love all people, just as you have first loved us. (*1 John 4:7-21*)
- (Easter 6) Help us to keep your commandments with freedom and joy.
Let your Spirit of truth testify through our lives
that Christ Jesus, your Son, has triumphed over all the world. (*1 John 5:1-6*)
- (Easter 7) Keep us faithful in all that we say and do.
Fill our hearts with your truth, so that we may testify to the good news:
that you have given us the gift of eternal life. (*1 John 5:9-13*)

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.**