

Morning Prayer Easter Season

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Easter Anthem

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9–11

- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- 8 for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20–22

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 81

Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

- 1 Sing merrily to God our strength,
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Take up the song and sound the timbrel,
the tuneful lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.
- 4 For this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob,
- 5 The charge he laid on the people of Joseph,
when they came out of the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard a voice I did not know, that said:
'I eased their shoulder from the burden;
their hands were set free from bearing the load.
- 7 'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and proved you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 'There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- 10 'I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'
- 11 But my people would not hear my voice
and Israel would not obey me.

- 12 So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts,
and let them walk after their own counsels.
- 13 O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 Then I should soon put down their enemies
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Refrain: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

*Father of mercy,
keep us joyful in your salvation
and faithful to your covenant;
and, as we journey to your kingdom,
ever feed us with the bread of life,
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

The Gospel Reading

John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced

when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Canticle

The Song of Moses and Miriam

**In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
Alleluia.**

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- 2 The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.
- 3 This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
- 4 The Lord is a warrior,
the Lord is his name.
- 5 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- 6 At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.
- 7 In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
- 8 And by your invincible strength
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
- 9 You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.
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you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
Alleluia.**

Responsory

Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.
Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.
**Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your sting?**

*Gospel Canticle
The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

**The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia**

- I Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
 who has come to his people and set them free.

- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
 born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
 to save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
 and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and
 to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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Prayers

*Intercessions are offered
for the day and its tasks
for the world and its needs
for the Church and her life*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Collect Prayer

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;**

thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia