

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 31

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- 6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
I put my trust in the Lord.
- 7 I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy,
for you have seen my affliction
and known my soul in adversity.
- 8 You have not shut me up in the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in an open place.
- 9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies

and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me.

12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life.

14 But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.

15 'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

17 Lord, let me not be confounded
for I have called upon you;
but let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence
that speak against the righteous
with arrogance, disdain and contempt

19 How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,
which you have laid up for those who fear you;
which you have prepared in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the shelter of your presence
from those who slander them;
you keep them safe in your refuge from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord!
For he has shown me his steadfast love
when I was as a city besieged.

- 22 I had said in my alarm,
'I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.'
Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer
when I cried out to you
- 23 Love the Lord, all you his servants;
for the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full the proud.
- 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait in hope for the Lord.

The Gospel Reading

john 14. 1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works

themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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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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**

- 1 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

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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
Thanks be to God. Alleluia