

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 66

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

- 1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
- 2 sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise.
- 3 Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!
 Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
- 4 All the earth worships you;
 they sing praises to you,
 sing praises to your name.'
- 5 Come and see what God has done:
 he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land;
 they passed through the river on foot.
 There we rejoiced in him,
- 7 who rules by his might for ever,
 whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
 let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
- 8 Bless our God, O peoples,
 let the sound of his praise be heard,
- 9 who has kept us among the living,
 and has not let our feet slip.
- 10 For you, O God, have tested us;

- you have tried us as silver is tried.
11 You brought us into the net;
- you laid burdens on our backs;
- 12 you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
- 13 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings;
I will pay you my vows,
- 14 those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
- 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
- 17 I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.
- 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
- 19 But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
- 20 Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

The Gospel Reading

John 14: 15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

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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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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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 our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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