

Morning Prayer on Sunday Easter Season

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ

All let heaven and earth rejoice.

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.

All Blessed be God for ever.

a suitable hymn may be sung, or

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

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ♦
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: ♦ in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ♦
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

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. **All Amen.**

The Word of God

Old Testament reading and psalm, on the weekly sheet and New Testament readings, on the weekly sheet (but if you will hear these when following a Eucharist that is broadcast then the readings for Morning Prayer can be:

On 19th April : Psalm 81.1-10, Exodus 12.1-17, 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

On 26th April : Psalm 23, Isaiah 40.1-11, 1 Peter 5.1-11

On 3rd May : Psalm 106.6-24, Nehemiah 9.6-15, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

On 10th May : Psalm 30, Ezekiel 37.1-12, John 5.19-29

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence. A short reflection on the gospel will be provided via Facebook live

Death is swallowed up in victory.

All Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

All Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

All Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

**All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
Where, O death, is your sting?**

from 1 Corinthians 15

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,

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

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

**All 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:

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

Prayers

***Intercessions are offered: the people of God, that they may
proclaim the risen Lord; Those in despair and darkness, that they
may find the hope and light of Christ; Those in fear of death, that
they may find faith through the resurrection. Those on the Weekly
Sheet.***

We pray that the joy and conviction of Christians may be so radiant that
all who are lost, weary and searching may be directed towards your
lasting inner peace....

We pray for all in positions of responsibility and leadership, both
internationally and in our nation and community; that they may be led by
the spirit to make wise decisions and help make a caring world....

We pray for our homes and families, with their hopes and sorrows, difficulties and celebrations...

We pray for the sick, weak, lonely, vulnerable and depressed...that they may be given help and strength....and we pray for those who have died.... May they be welcomed into the eternal joy of heaven....

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.

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The Collect of the day is said and can be found on the weekly sheet, or

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

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

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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