

Evening Prayer

Easter Season

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Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

One or more of the following is said or sung:

this or another prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death

you brought your people to new birth

by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed

and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light

may our lives reflect his glory

and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

[A Song of David \(page 573\)](#), the following or another suitable hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,

your sweetest notes employ,

the Paschal victory to hymn

in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's lion burst his chains
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluia, Amen.

Fulbert of Chartres, tr: Robert Campbell
(Tune: CM)

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 105

Refrain: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;Â â!|
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises,Â â!|
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;Â â!|
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength;Â â!|
seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvels he has done,Â â!|
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant,Â â!|
O children of Jacob his chosen.Â R

7 He is the Lord our God;Â â!|
his judgements are in all the earth.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant,Â â!|
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham,Â â!|
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob,Â â!|
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, â!|To you will I give the land of Canaan,Â â!|
to be the portion of your inheritance.â!|

12 When they were but few in number,Â â!|
of little account, and sojourners in the land,

13 Wandering from nation to nation,Â â|
from one kingdom to another people,

14 He suffered no one to do them wrongÂ â|
and rebuked even kings for their sake,

15 Saying, â|Touch not my anointed,Â
and do my prophets no harm.â|

16 Then he called down famine over the landÂ â|
and broke every staff of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them,Â â|
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They shackled his feet with fetters;Â â|
his neck was ringed with iron.

19 Until all he foretold came to pass,Â â|
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him;Â â|
the ruler of peoples set him free.

21 He appointed him lord of his householdÂ â|
and ruler of all he possessed,

22 To instruct his princes as he willedÂ â|
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.Â R

23 Then Israel came into Egypt;Â â|
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;Â â|
he made them too many for their adversaries,

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his peopleÂ â|
and dealt craftily with his servants.Â R

26 Then sent he Moses his servantÂ â|
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 He showed his signs through their word;â
and his wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness and it grew dark;â
yet they did not heed his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood;â
and slew all their fish.

30 Their land swarmed with frogs;â
even in their kings' chambers.

31 He spoke the word, and there came clouds of flies;â
swarms of gnats within all their borders.

32 He gave them hailstones for rain;â
and flames of lightning in their land.

33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees;â
and shattered trees across their country.

34 He spoke the word, and the grasshoppers came;â
and young locusts without number;

35 They ate every plant in their land;â
and devoured the fruit of their soil.

36 He smote all the firstborn in their land;â
the first fruits of all their strength.â

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold;â
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing;â
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering;â
and a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked and he brought them quails;â
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.â

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out
and ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word
and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought forth his people with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the nations
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes
and faithfully observe his laws.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

God of our earthly pilgrimage,
feed your Easter people with the bread of heaven,
that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness
until we reach our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Deuteronomy 16.1-20

Observe the month of Abib by keeping the passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. You shall offer the passover sacrifice to the Lord your God, from the flock and the herd, at the place that the Lord will choose as a dwelling for his name. You must not eat with it anything leavened. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it—the bread of affliction—because you came out of the land of Egypt in great haste, so that all the days of your life you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt. No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days; and none of the meat of what you slaughter on the evening of the first day shall remain until morning. You are not permitted to offer the passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you. But at the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name, only there shall you offer the passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, the time of day when you departed from Egypt. You shall cook it and eat it at the place that the Lord your God

will choose; the next morning you may go back to your tents. For six days you shall continue to eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly for the Lord your God, when you shall do no work.

You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the festival of weeks to the Lord your God, contributing a freewill-offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the Lord your God. Rejoice before the Lord your God—you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, the Levites resident in your towns, as well as the strangers, the orphans, and the widows who are among you—at the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and diligently observe these statutes.

You shall keep the festival of booths for seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing-floor and your wine press. Rejoice during your festival, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, as well as the Levites, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows resident in your towns. For seven days you shall keep the festival to the Lord your God at the place that the Lord will choose; for the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and you shall surely celebrate.

Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose: at the festival of unleavened bread, at the festival of weeks, and at the festival of booths. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

You shall appoint judges and officials throughout your tribes, in all your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall render just decisions for the people. You must not distort justice; you must not show partiality; and you must not accept bribes, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of those who are in the right. Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, so that you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Canticle

A Song of Faith, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 60 \(page 618\)](#) or [number 74 \(page 632\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.

1 Blessed be the God and Father â€¦
of our Lord Jesus Christ!

2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope â€¦
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, â€¦
kept in heaven for you,

4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, â€¦
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors
not with perishable things like silver or gold

6But with the precious blood of Christ
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.

7Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21

AllGlory 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.

AllGod raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

1 Peter 1.1-12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that

the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

All The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

All He has become my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

from Psalm 118

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said,

or [Great and Wonderful \(page 629\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All The stone which the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; â€

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; â€

the Almighty has done great things for me

and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, â€

from generation to generation.

4He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

6He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

7He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

8The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

AllGlory 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:

AllThe stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

Â for peace

Â for individuals and their needs

Prayers may include the following concerns from the [cycle on pages 364-365](#)

Â The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord

Â God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care

Â Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ

Â Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection

Â Prisoners and captives

A form of prayer found [on page 382](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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 for ever.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

(or)

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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