

☩ Morning Prayer

Easter Season

Wednesday, 3 April 2024

Wednesday of Easter Week

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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, 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, or the Easter Anthems

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

3Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: □
death has no more dominion over him.

4In dying he died to sin once for all: □
in living he lives to God.

5See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: □
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

6Christ has been raised from the dead: □
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7For as by man came death: □
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

8for as in Adam all die: □
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

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.

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.

AllAmen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Psalm 113

Refrain: From the rising of the sun to its setting
let the name of the Lord be praised.

1 Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants of the Lord, □

O praise the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord, □

from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting □

let the name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations □

and his glory above the heavens. R

5 Who is like the Lord our God,

that has his throne so high, □

yet humbles himself to behold

the things of heaven and earth?

6 He raises the poor from the dust □

and lifts the needy from the ashes,

7 To set them with princes, □

with the princes of his people.

8 He gives the barren woman a place in the house □

and makes her a joyful mother of children.

Alleluia.

Refrain: From the rising of the sun to its setting

let the name of the Lord be praised.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
we praise your name, O Lord;
may your promise to raise the poor from the dust
and turn the fortunes of the needy upside down
be fulfilled in our time also,
as it was in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 147.13-end

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

13 Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; □
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates □
and has blest your children within you.

15 He has established peace in your borders □
and satisfies you with the finest wheat. R

16 He sends forth his command to the earth □
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool □
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread; □
who can endure his frost? R

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; □
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, □
his statutes and judgements to Israel.

21 He has not dealt so with any other nation; □
they do not know his laws.

Alleluia.

Refrain: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Compassionate God,
as you know each star you have created,
so you know the secrets of every heart;
in your loving mercy bring to your table
all who are fearful and broken,
all who are wounded and needy,
that our hungers may be satisfied
in the city of your peace;
through Christ who is our peace.

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.

Exodus 12.37-end

The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. A mixed crowd also went up with them, and livestock in great numbers, both flocks and herds. They baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt; it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

The time that the Israelites had lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. At the end of four hundred and thirty years, on that very day, all the companies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. That was for the Lord a night of vigil, to bring them out of the land of Egypt. That same night is a vigil to be kept for the Lord by all the Israelites throughout their generations.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: This is the ordinance for the passover: no foreigner shall eat of it, but any slave who has been purchased may eat of it after he has been circumcised; no bound or hired servant may eat of it. It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the animal outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. The whole congregation of Israel shall celebrate it. If an alien who resides with you wants to celebrate the passover to the Lord, all his males shall be circumcised; then he may draw near to celebrate it; he shall be regarded as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it; there shall be one law for the native and for the alien who resides among you.

All the Israelites did just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron. That very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt, company by company.

Canticle

The Song of Moses and Miriam, or another suitable canticle, for example, [number 23 \(page 574\)](#) or [number 32 \(page 583\)](#), may be said

Refrain:

All 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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Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

1 Corinthians 15.20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

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

Death is swallowed up in victory.

AllWhere, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

AllDeath is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound

and the dead shall be raised.

AllWhere, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,

but we shall be changed.

AllDeath is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is normally said,
or [The Song of Christ's Glory \(page 619\)](#) may be said

Refrain:

All 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;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Refrain:

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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

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

- ¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- ¶ 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
- ¶ 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

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,

now and in all eternity.

AllAmen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

AllOur 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

AllOur 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.

AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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