

## ☩ Morning Prayer

### Easter Season

**Saturday, 10 May 2025**

### 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 108

Refrain: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

1 My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; □  
I will sing and give you praise.

2 Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre, □  
that I may awaken the dawn.

3 I will give you thanks, O Lord, among the peoples; □  
I will sing praise to you among the nations. R

4 For your loving-kindness is as high as the heavens □  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens □  
and your glory over all the earth.

6 That your beloved may be delivered, □  
save us by your right hand and answer me. R

7 God has spoken in his holiness: □  
'I will triumph and divide Shechem  
and share out the valley of Succoth.

8 'Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; □  
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my sceptre.

9 'Moab shall be my washpot,  
over Edom will I cast my sandal, □  
across Philistia will I shout in triumph.' R

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? □  
Who will bring me into Edom?

11 Have you not cast us off, O God? □  
Will you no longer go forth with our troops?

12 O grant us your help against the enemy, □  
for earthly help is in vain.

13 Through God will we do great acts, □  
for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Refrain: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

In times of terror, O God,  
give us boldness  
to act with courage, yet with mercy,  
for you rule the nations with the  
sword of truth;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Psalm 110

Refrain: The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel.

1 The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right hand, □  
until I make your enemies your footstool.'

2 May the Lord stretch forth the sceptre of your power; □  
rule from Zion in the midst of your enemies.

3 'Noble are you on this day of your birth; □  
on the holy mountain, from the womb of the dawn  
the dew of your new birth is upon you.' R

4 The Lord has sworn and will not retract: □  
'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'

5 The king at your right hand, O Lord, □  
shall smite down kings in the day of his wrath. R

6 In all his majesty, he shall judge among the nations, □  
smiting heads over all the wide earth.

7 He shall drink from the brook beside the way; □  
therefore shall he lift high his head.

Refrain: The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel.

Lord Jesus, divine Son and eternal priest,  
inspire us with the confidence of your final conquest of evil,  
and grant that daily on our way  
we may drink of the brook of your eternal life  
and so find courage against all adversities;  
for your mercy's sake.

## Psalm 111

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, □  
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, □  
sought out by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and honour □  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; □  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. R

5 He gave food to those who feared him; □  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He showed his people the power of his works □  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; □  
all his commandments are sure. R

8 They stand fast for ever and ever; □  
they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; □  
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
a good understanding have those who live by it; □  
his praise endures for ever.

Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Gracious God, you are full of compassion;  
may we who long for your kingdom to come  
rejoice to do your will  
and acknowledge your power alone to save;  
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 8

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My

power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

## 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

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.

AllIn your unfailing love, O Lord,  
you lead the people whom you have redeemed. Alleluia.

## Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

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

## Ephesians 3.14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Cantic

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

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. Alleluia.

## 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

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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

AllAmen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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