

Morning Prayer (Easter)

Preparation

All O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All 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.**

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*

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

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.**

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 Psalm

The appointed psalm ends 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.**

Reading

Canticle

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

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.**

Reading

All 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.

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 **Death is swallowed up in victory.**
Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

Gospel Cantic: The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

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.**

Prayers

The Collect of the day or the following 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.

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.

The Conclusion

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

All Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.