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**MORNING PRAYER**



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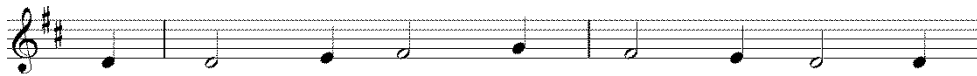
# DAILY MORNING PRAYER

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn 193

That Easter day with joy was bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

*The Invitatory and Psalter*

*Officiant*        *Lord, open our lips.*

*People*            *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover    Pascha nostrum

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

    therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

    but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

    death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

    but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

    and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

    the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

    by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

    so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

*Psalm 133*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
    when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
    that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
    and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
    that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
    life for evermore.

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*The Lesson*

**Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People*

**Thanks be to God**

*The Song of Moses Cantemus Domino*  
*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

## **A reading from 1 John (1:1-2:2)**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*People*                    **The Word of the Lord.**  
                                  **Thanks be to God.**

## **Glory to God** *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the Gospel according to John (20:19-31)**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But

he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."  
A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## THE SERMON

### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those  
in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*We take a moment now to offer prayers for those who are sharing in the Eucharist  
within their homes*

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted  
the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it  
thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy  
mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever  
and ever. **Amen.**

*Please take a moment to reverently consume the Host, and if you are with family  
perhaps give the Host to each other with the words "The Body of Christ."*

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of  
the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our  
redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength

in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Alleluia, alleluia, Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn 180

He is risen!

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice; death is con- quered,  
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion  
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the  
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur- ple east, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.  
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The trumpeter this morning is Chuck Seipp.