

Morning Prayer
Easter Season
Thursday, 6 May 2021

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

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

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. **Amen.**

Psalm 148

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you his angels; ♦
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; ♦
praise him, all you stars of light.

**4Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦
and you waters above the heavens.**
5Let them praise the name of the Lord; ♦
for he commanded and they were created.
**6He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
7Praise the Lord from the earth, ♦
you sea monsters and all deeps;
**8Fire and hail, snow and mist, ♦
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**
9Mountains and all hills, ♦
fruit trees and all cedars;
**10Wild beasts and all cattle, ♦
creeping things and birds on the wing;**
11Kings of the earth and all peoples, ♦
princes and all rulers of the world;
**12Young men and women,
old and young together; ♦
let them praise the name of the Lord.**
13For his name only is exalted, ♦
his splendour above earth and heaven.
**14He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants, ♦
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.**

**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.**

O glorious God,
your whole creation sings your marvellous work;
may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts
that we may be good stewards of the earth
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Canticle
**In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed. Alleluia.**

1I will sing to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously, ♦
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**2The Lord is my strength
and my song ♦
and has become my salvation.**

3This is my God whom
I will praise, ♦
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.

**4The Lord is a warrior, ♦
the Lord is his name.**

5Your right hand, O Lord,
is glorious in power: ♦
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

**6At the blast of your
nostrils, the sea covered them; ♦
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.**

7In your unfailing love,
O Lord, ♦
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

**8And by your invincible
strength ♦
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.**

9You 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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A reading from 1 Peter 2.11-end

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they

may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsory

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.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.

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

Gospel Canticle

**The Lord is risen from the tomb
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

**1Blessed be the Lord
the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.
2He has raised up for
us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.
3Through his holy prophets
God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
4To show mercy to our
ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.
5This was the oath God
swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6Free to worship him
without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7And you, child, shall
be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8To give his people knowledge
of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9In the tender compassion
of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10To shine on those who
dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.

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who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

Intercessions are offered
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said
Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
**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.**

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

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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