

Sunday & daily in Eastertide

THE PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips;
AND OUR MOUTH SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.

Blessèd are you, Lord our God, redeemer and king of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever!
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world,
and in your great love, fashioned us in your image.
[Now, through the deep waters of death
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.]
May we, the first-fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made;
may Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER!

God is the creator and redeemer of all.
O COME, LET US WORSHIP.

Or, in Eastertide:

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed.
O COME, LET US WORSHIP. ALLELUIA!

THE OPENING CANTICLE Either: A SONG OF JOY

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: the Lord himself is God;*
he himself has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his name.
- 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.
Glory . . .

Psalm 100

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.
- 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.
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead;*
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For since by one man came death,*
by another has come also the resurrection of the dead,
- 8 For as in Adam all die,*
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Glory . . .

From 1 Corinthians 6, Romans 6 & 1 Corinthians 15

THE OPENING PRAYER

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

THE PSALMODY

THE SECOND CANTICLE:

Either: A SONG OF GOD'S REIGN

Refrain: SEE WHAT THE LORD OUR GOD HAS DONE*
 AND EXALT HIM IN THE SIGHT OF THE LIVING.

- 1 Blessèd be God, who lives for ever,*
 whose reign endures throughout all ages.
- 2 Declare God's praise before the nations,*
 you who are the children of Israel.
- 3 For if our God has scattered you among them,*
 there too has he shown you his greatness.
- 4 Exalt him in the sight of the living,*
 because he is our God and our Father for ever.
- 5 Though God punishes you for your wickedness,*
 mercy will be shown to you all.
- 6 God will gather you from every nation,*
 from wherever you have been scattered.
- 7 When you turn to the Lord with all your heart and soul,*
 God will hide his face from you no more.
- 8 See what the Lord has done for you*
 and give thanks with a loud voice.
- 9 Praise the Lord of righteousness*
 and exalt the King of the ages.

Glory . . .

 SEE WHAT THE LORD OUR GOD HAS DONE*
 AND EXALT HIM IN THE SIGHT OF THE LIVING.

Or: THE SONG OF MOSES & MIRIAM

Refrain: IN YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, O LORD,*
 YOU LEAD THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU HAVE REDEEMED.

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;*
 the horse and his rider have been 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 fights for his people,*
 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.

Glory . . .

Exodus 15. 1b-2, 6a, 11-12a, 13-18

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THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

RESPONSORY

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead
AND CHRIST SHALL GIVE YOU LIGHT.

You have died,
and your life is hid with Christ in God.
AWAKE, O SLEEPER, AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.
AND CHRIST SHALL GIVE YOU LIGHT.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with him in glory.
AWAKE, O SLEEPER, AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD,
AND CHRIST SHALL GIVE YOU LIGHT.

THE BENEDICTUS

Refrain: This is the day that the Lord has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Or, in Eastertide:

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD;*
BY HIS DEATH HE HAS TRAMPLED DOWN DEATH
AND THROUGH THE GRAVE
ALL LIFE HAS BEEN SET FREE. ALLELUIA!

- 1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*
for he 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 he promised of old,*
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our forebears*
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he 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 You, my 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.

Glory

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THE PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy.
LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Christ, have mercy.
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.

Lord, have mercy.
LORD, HAVE MERCY.

THE COLLECT of the day, or one of the following.

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger,
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Or:

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. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER may be said.

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray as our Redeemer 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.

THE CONCLUSION

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Or, in Eastertide:

May the risen Christ grant us the joy of eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!