

## Evening Prayer for Eastertide

From Easter to Eve of Ascension

### A Penitential Office

- Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. *Psalms 105.4-5*
- Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. *Jeremiah 20.13*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

*Silence is kept, then:*

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore and strengthen us  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
so that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*or*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*or*

Almighty God have mercy upon you pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can extinguish.**

**Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*or*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,  
stir up in us the fire of your love,  
so that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and walk with you in newness of life,  
singing the praises of him who died  
for us and for our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*or*

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*or*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**The Psalm**

*At the end of the Psalm one of the following may be said.*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

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.**

### **The Reading**

A reading from...

**Amen.**

*After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*or*

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Responsory**

*The Responsory is said or sung.*

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?**

*Evening Prayer continues with the Second Reading.*

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**Amen.**

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**The Canticle**

*A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21)*

Blessed are you, the God and Father \*

**of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope \*

**through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, \*

**kept in heaven for us,**

who are being protected by your power through faith, \*

**for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

We were ransomed from the futile ways of our ancestors \*

**not with perishable things like silver or gold**

but with the precious blood of Christ \*

**like that of a lamb without spot or stain.**

Through Christ we have confidence in your, O God,

who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, \*

**so that our faith and hope are set on you.**

*or*

*A Song of God's Children (Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19)*

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus \*

**has set us free from the law of sin and death.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; \*

**for we have received the Spirit**

**that enables us to cry, 'Abba, Father'.**

The Spirit bears witness that we are children of God \*

**and if God's children, then heirs of God;**

if heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; \*

**since we suffer with him now,**

**that we may be glorified with him.**

These sufferings that we now endure \*

**are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.**

For the creation waits with eager longing \*

**for the revealing of the children of God.**

*At the end of the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.*

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*or*

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.

*A Reflection may be offered.*

*Affirmation of Faith*

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.

*or*

*Hear, O Israel*

Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

### The Litany

Let us pray, saying, 'Giver of life, hear our prayer.'

Fill us with the joy of Christ's holy and life-giving resurrection.

Giver of life, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen isolated and persecuted churches in the Easter gospel.

Giver of life, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.

Giver of life, **hear our prayer.**

Provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.

Giver of life, **hear our prayer.**

Bring wars and famines throughout the earth to an end.

Giver of life, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak and the dying.

Giver of life, **hear our prayer.**

Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people.

Giver of life, **hear our prayer.**

### *Week of Easter*

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true. **Amen**

### *Week of Easter 2*

O God, you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him so that those who have not yet seen may come to believe in him who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen**

### *Week of Easter 3*

Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. **Amen**

### *Week of Easter 4*

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you for ever. **Amen.**

### *Week of Easter 5*

God of life, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life, so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy.  
**Amen.**

### *Week of Easter 6*

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvellous victory. **Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### *THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY*

#### *The Dismissal*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

## Readings

Monday, **April 13**: Ps 66; (Jon 2:1-9); Mk 16:1-8  
Tuesday, **April 14**: Ps 111, 114; (Is 30:18-21); Mk 16:9-20  
Wednesday, **April 15**: Ps 115; (Mic 7:7-15); Mt 28:1-16  
Thursday, **April 16**: Ps 148, 149; (Ezek 37:1-14); Mt 28:16-20  
Friday, **April 17**: Ps 118; (Dan 12:1-4, 13); Lk 24:1-12

Monday, **April 20**: Ps 4, 7; (Dan 1:1-21); Jn 14:(1-7), 8-7  
Tuesday, **April 21**: Ps 10, 11; (Dan 2:1-16); Jn 14:18-31  
Wednesday, **April 22**: Ps 12, 13, 14; (Dan 2:17-30); Jn 15:1-11  
Thursday, **April 23**: Ps 18:21-50; (Dan 2:31-49); Jn 15:12-27  
Friday, **April 24**: Ps 134, 135; (Dan 3:1-18); Jn 16:1-15

Monday, **April 27**: Ps 9, 15; (Dan 4:19-27); Mt (1:1-17) 3:1-6  
Tuesday, **April 28**: Ps 36, 39; (Dan 4:28-37); Mt 3:7-12  
Wednesday, **April 29**: Ps 119:25-48; (Dan 5:1-12); Mt 3:13-17  
Thursday, **April 30**: Ps 37:19-42; (Dan 5:13-30); Mt 4:1-11  
Friday, **May 1**: Ps 139; Pr 4:7-18; Jn 12:20-26 (St Philip and St James, Apostles)

Monday, **May 4**: Ps 44; (Wis 1:16—2:11, 21-24); Mt 5:1-10  
Tuesday, **May 5**: Ps 47, 48; (Wis 3:1-9); Mt 5:11-16  
Wednesday, **May 6**: St John: Ps 145; Is 44:1-8; 1 Jn 5:1-12 (St John the Evangelist)  
Thursday, **May 7**: Ps 114, 115; (Wis 5:9-23); Mt 5:21-26  
Friday, **May 8**: Ps 51; (Wis 6:12-23); Mt 5:27-37

Monday, **May 11**: Ps 64, 65; (Wis 9:1, 7-18); Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Tuesday, **May 12**: Ps 68:1-20, (21-23), 24-36; (Wis 10:1-4, (5-12), 13-21); Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday, **May 13**: Ps 119:73-96; (Wis 13:1-9); Mt 6:19-24  
Thursday, **May 14**: Ps 33; 1 Sam 12:1-5; Acts 20:17-35 (St Matthias the Apostle)  
Friday, **May 15**: Ps 106:19-48; (Wis 16:15—17:1); Mt 7:1-12

Monday, **May 18**: Ps 77, [79]; (Dt 8:1-10); Mt 13:1-16 (Victoria Day)  
Tuesday, **May 19**: Ps 78:40-72; (Dt 8:11-20); Mt 13:18-23  
Wednesday, **May 20**: Ps 68:1-20; 2 Kgs 2:1-15; Rev 5:1-14 (Eve of the Ascension)