

EASTER SEASON EVENING PRAYER 2020

EVENING PRAYER: STRUCTURE

EVENING PRAYER

Penitence

Versicles and Responses

A Psalm or Psalms *as appointed*

A Canticle

One or two Readings

The Gospel Canticle: *Magnificat*

Lesser Litany

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect

The Lord's Prayer

Dismissal

Blessing

PREPARATION

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER

THE ENDING

EASTER NOTES

Duration of the Season

Easter commences at sunset on Easter Eve and continues up to and including the Day of Pentecost.

The earliest date of Easter Day is 22 March and the latest is 25 April. The earliest date of the Day of Pentecost is 10 May and the latest is 13 June.

Nature of the Season

Easter is a season of joy in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and of his glorious Ascension on The Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter Day. The nine days after The Ascension Day are days of preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Colour of the Season

The liturgical colour for Easter is White, a colour associated with penitence. On the Day of Pentecost the liturgical colour becomes Red symbolizing the Holy Spirit.

Festivals in the Season

The following Festivals are celebrated during the Easter Season in 2020:

25 April Saint Mark
1 May Saint Philip and Saint James
14 May Saint Matthias

As 31 May is The Day of Pentecost, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is normally celebrated on that day is transferred to 1 June, the day on which Ordinary Time resumes.

Special Considerations for the Season

'Alleluia' may be added to any refrain.

Material is provided for the two parts of Easter, that before The Ascension Day and that from The Ascension Day to the Day of Pentecost.

EASTER EVENING PRAYER READINGS 2020

The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day

Monday April 13	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Exodus 14: 10-31; 15: 20-21 Colossians 3: 5-11
Tuesday April 14	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Exodus 15: 1-18 Colossians 3: 12-17
Wednesday April 15	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Joshua 3: 1-17 Matthew 28: 1-10
Thursday April 16	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 2: 8-15 Colossians 4: 2-5
Friday April 17	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 5: 9 - 6: 3 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Saturday April 18	Psalm 16 Song of Solomon 8: 6-7 John 20: 11-20

The Second Sunday of Easter

Monday April 20	Psalm 114 Judges 6: 36-40 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Tuesday April 21	Psalm 114 Jonah 1: 1-17 1 Corinthians 15: 19-28
Wednesday April 22	Psalm 114 Jonah 2: 1-10 Matthew 12: 38-42
Thursday April 23	Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 Isaiah 25: 1-5 1 Peter 1: 8b-12
Friday April 24	Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 Isaiah 26: 1-4 1 Peter 1: 13-16
Saturday April 25	Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 Isaiah 25: 6-9 Luke 14: 12-14

The Third Sunday of Easter

Monday April 27	Psalm 134 Genesis 18: 1-14 1 Peter 1: 23-25
Tuesday April 28	Psalm 134 Proverbs 8: 32 - 9: 6 1 Peter 2: 1-3

Wednesday April 29	Psalm 134 Exodus 24: 1-11 John 21: 1-14
Thursday April 30	Psalm 23 Exodus 2: 15b-25 1 Peter 2: 9-12
Friday May 1	Psalm 23 Exodus 3: 16-22; 4: 18-20 1 Peter 2: 13-17
Saturday May 2	Psalm 23 Ezekiel 34: 1-16 Luke 15: 1-7

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday May 4	Psalm 100 Ezekiel 34: 17-23 1 Peter 5: 1-5
Tuesday May 5	Psalm 100 Ezekiel 34: 23-31 Hebrews 13: 20-21
Wednesday May 6	Psalm 100 Jeremiah 23: 1-8 Matthew 20: 17-28
Thursday May 7	Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 Genesis 12: 1-3 Acts 6: 8-15
Friday May 8	Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 Exodus 3: 1-12 Acts 7: 1-16
Saturday May 9	Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 Jeremiah 26: 20-24 John 8: 48-59

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday May 11	Psalm 102: 1-17 Exodus 13: 17-22 Acts 7: 17-40
Tuesday May 12	Psalm 102: 1-17 Proverbs 3: 5-12 Acts 7: 44-56
Wednesday May 13	Psalm 102: 1-17 Proverbs 3: 13-18 John 8: 31-38
Thursday May 14	Psalm 66: 7-18 Genesis 6: 5-22 Acts 27: 1-12
Friday May 15	Psalm 66: 7-18 Genesis 7: 1-24 Acts 27: 13-38

Saturday May 16	Psalm 66: 7-18 Genesis 8: 13-19 John 14: 27-29
The Sixth Sunday of Easter	
Monday May 18	Psalm 93 Genesis 9: 8-17 Acts 27: 39-44
Tuesday May 19	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 5: 22-33 1 Peter 3: 8-12
Wednesday May 20	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 31: 1-13 John 16: 16-24
The Ascension Day May 21	
	Psalm 110 Isaiah 52: 7-15 Hebrews 7: 11-28 or 26-28
Friday May 22	Psalm 93 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Ephesians 2: 1-7
Saturday May 23	Psalm 93 2 Kings 2: 13-15 John 8: 21-30
The Seventh Sunday of Easter	
Monday May 25	Psalm 99 Leviticus 9: 1-11, 22-24 1 Peter 4: 1-6
Tuesday May 26	Psalm 99 Numbers 16: 41-50 1 Peter 4: 7-11
Wednesday May 27	Psalm 99 1 Kings 8: 54-65 John 3: 31-36
Thursday May 28	Psalm 33: 12-22 Exodus 19: 1-9a Acts 2: 1-11
Friday May 29	Psalm 33: 12-22 Exodus 19: 16-25 Romans 8: 14-17
Saturday May 30	Psalm 110 Isaiah 52: 7-15 Hebrews 7: 11-28 or 26-28

EASTER EVENING PRAYER

PREPARATION

All say

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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.

If no priest is present the absolution is omitted and the following prayer may be said:

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand

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

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

THE WORD OF GOD

One or more of the appointed Psalms is said or sung, ending with

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, □
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, □
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

PENITENCE

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

A PSALM OR PSALMS

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

A SONG OF FAITH

1 Peter 1: 3-5, 18, 19, 21

*Refrain: God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain.*

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father □
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope □
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, □
kept in heaven for you,
- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, □
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors □
not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ □
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, □
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, □
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, □
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

*Refrain: God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain.*

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

A SONG OF GOD'S GREATNESS *Psalms 104: 1, 2, 21b, 22a, 26, 32, 33, 35*

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. □
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, □
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 The sun knows the time for its setting. □
You make darkness that it may be night.
- 4 O Lord, how manifold are your works! □
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 5 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, □
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; □
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; □
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, □
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, □
and shall be for | ever. | A | men.

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

MAGNIFICAT *The Song of the Virgin Mary Luke 1: 46-55*

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

*Refrain: The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.*

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

*Refrain: The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.*

1 My soul proclaims the | greatness · of the | Lord, □
my spirit re joices · in | God my | Saviour,
2 who has looked with favour on his | lowly | servant; □
from this day all gene|rations · will | call me | blessed;
3† the Almighty has done | great things | for me □
and | holy | is his | name.
4 God has mercy on | those who | fear him, □
from gene|ration · to | gene|ration.
5 The Lord has shown | strength · with his | arm □
and scattered the | proud in | their con|ceit,
6 casting down the mighty | from their | thrones □
and | lifting | up the | lowly.
7 God has filled the hungry with | good | things □
and sent the | rich a|way | empty.
8 He has come to the aid of his | servant | Israel □
to re|member · the | promise of | mercy,
9 The promise | made to · our | forebears, □
to Abraham | and his | children · for | ever.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, □
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, □
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

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PRAYER

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

Let us pray that his Christ's risen life
may be evident in us daily.

INTERCESSIONS

O Christ, in your resurrection
the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!
By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell
and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead
and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners
and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles
and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

God of mercy,
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

From the waters of death you raise us with him
and renew your gift of life within us.

THANKSGIVINGS

All-loving and all-powerful God,
we thank you for this season and all it means -
the assurance it brings that your love is stronger
than anything else in heaven or earth -
stronger than evil,
than all human powers,
than sorrow and suffering,
than death itself.

Accept our thanks for this day.

Accept our thanks for everything.

We thank you that in our world of so much pain and sorrow
you have shown that hope and faith is not in vain.

Your purpose is always at work,
giving meaning to our seeking and striving after good.

Accept our thanks for this day.

Accept our thanks for everything.

All-loving and all-powerful God,
accept our praise for all you have done in Christ -
a mystery before which we stand in awe,
a wonder before which we bow down in praise,
a truth in which we live and move
and have our being.

Accept our thanks for this day.

**Accept our thanks for everything,
in the name of the living and risen Christ. Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

**Increase in our minds and hearts
the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

Let us celebrate in prayer the Ascension of our Lord
and prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. 38

INTERCESSIONS

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation.
Send the wind and flame of your transforming life
to lift up the church in this day.
Give us wisdom and faith, that we may know
the great hope to which we are called.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Giver of life, sustain your creation.
Confront us with our greedy consuming of your gifts.
Stand before us as we pillage and destroy.
Call us forth into new harmonies of care
for all who live and breathe and have their being.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Spirit of truth, set us free to emerge as the children of God.
Open our ears, that we may hear the weeping of the world.
Open our mouths, that we may be a voice for the voiceless.
Open our eyes, that we may see your vision of peace and justice.
Make us alive with the courage and faith of your prophetic truth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Spirit of unity, reconcile your people.
Give us the wisdom to hold to what we need to be your church.
Give us the grace to lay down those things that you can do without.
Give us a vision of your breadth and length and height
to challenge our smallness of heart and bring us humbly together.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, transform us and sanctify us
as we take up this task in your name.
Give us the gifts we need to be your church in spirit and truth.
Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

THANKSGIVINGS

Lord Jesus Christ
we thank you for the truth
that you came to save not just a few,
nor simply your own people,
but all the world.
You are the King of kings and Lord of lords,
your love reaching out to the ends of the earth,
your glory filling the universe!
Mighty Saviour,
in thanks we worship you.

We greet you now as the sovereign Lord -
the one who reigns in splendour,
enthroned at the right hand of the Father,
and the one who, in fulness of time,
will reconcile all things to yourself,
making peace through your blood
and establishing your eternal kingdom.
Mighty Saviour,
in thanks we worship you.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Saviour of all,
we look forward to that day when every knee shall bow to you,
and every tongue confess you as Lord and Saviour.
To you be praise and glory,
honour and thanksgiving,
now and always. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty God,
may we be filled by the coming on us of the Holy Spirit
and, when our earthly lives are over,
rise to meet the Lord in the skies
to be with him in his heavenly kingdom.
This we ask through Jesus Christ, our ascended Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT

The Collect of the Day *may be said or the following*

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

O God,
you gave your only Son
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption
and by his glorious resurrection
you delivered us from the power of death.
Grant us to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

O King of glory and Lord of hosts,
who ascended triumphantly above the heavens,
do not abandon us
but send us the promised one,
the Spirit of truth.
Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

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.**

or

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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 ENDING

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

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

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

BLESSING

EASTER COLLECTS

The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day

Almighty God,
through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
you 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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
Grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
Raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

This provision is not used on or after The Ascension Day.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Ascension Day

This provision is also used on the weekdays after The Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, Almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens;
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after The Ascension Day

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.