

EASTER SEASON LATE EVENING OFFICE 2020

NIGHT PRAYER (A LATE EVENING OFFICE): STRUCTURE

A LATE EVENING OFFICE

PREPARATION

Opening Prayer

Responsory

A Psalm or Psalms

A Reading from the New Testament

Meditation on the Reading

The Gospel Canticle: *Nunc Dimittis*

THE WORD OF GOD

Intercessions

Silent *or* open prayer

Collect

The Lord's Prayer

Common Collect

PRAYER

Dismissal

Blessing

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 NIGHT PRAYER READINGS 2020

The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day

Monday April 13	Psalms 3; 135 Colossians 3: 5-11
Tuesday April 14	Psalms 114; 115 Colossians 3: 12-17
Wednesday April 15	Psalms 113; 117 Matthew 28: 1-10
Thursday April 16	Psalms 111; 116 Colossians 4: 2-5
Friday April 17	Psalms 118 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Saturday April 18	Psalms 136 John 20: 11-20

The Second Sunday of Easter

Monday April 20	Psalms 115 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
Tuesday April 21	Psalms 105: 1-22 1 Corinthians 15: 19-28
Wednesday April 22	Psalms 103 Matthew 12: 38-42
Thursday April 23	Psalms 113; 114 1 Peter 1: 8b-12
Friday April 24	Psalms 107: 1-32 1 Peter 1: 13-16
Saturday April 25	Psalms 116 Luke 14: 12-14

The Third Sunday of Easter

Monday April 27	Psalms 66 1 Peter 1: 23-25
Tuesday April 28	Psalms 105: 23-45 1 Peter 2: 1-3
Wednesday April 29	Psalms 135 John 21: 1-14
Thursday April 30	Psalms 33 1 Peter 2: 9-12
Friday May 1	Psalms 107: 33-43 1 Peter 2: 13-17
Saturday May 2	Psalms 31 Luke 15: 1-7

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday May 4	Psalm 139 1 Peter 5: 1-5
Tuesday May 5	Psalm 103 Hebrews 13: 20-21
Wednesday May 6	Psalm 118 Matthew 20: 17-28
Thursday May 7	Psalm 116 Acts 6: 8-15
Friday May 8	Psalms 113; 114 Acts 7: 1-16
Saturday May 9	Psalm 115 John 8: 48-59

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday May 11	Psalm 81 Acts 7: 17-40
Tuesday May 12	Psalm 33 Acts 7: 44-56
Wednesday May 13	Psalm 30 John 8: 31-38
Thursday May 14	Psalm 135 Acts 27: 1-12
Friday May 15	Psalm 33 Acts 27: 13-38
Saturday May 16	Psalm 139 John 14: 27-29

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday May 18	Psalm 106: 24-49 Acts 27: 39-44
Tuesday May 19	Psalm 78: 40-72 1 Peter 3: 8-12
Wednesday May 20	Psalms 15; 24 John 16: 16-24

The Ascension Day May 21

	Psalm 110 Hebrews 7: 11-28 or 26-28
Friday May 22	Psalms 84; 138 Ephesians 2: 1-7
Saturday May 23	Psalm 104 John 8: 21-30

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday May 25	Psalms 122; 125; 126 1 Peter 4: 1-6
Tuesday May 26	Psalms 120; 121; 133 1 Peter 4: 7-11
Wednesday May 27	Psalms 123; 127; 128; 131 John 3: 31-36
Thursday May 28	Psalms 124; 129; 130 Acts 2: 1-11
Friday May 29	Psalms 132; 134 Romans 8: 14-17
Saturday May 30	Psalm 33 Hebrews 7: 11-28 or 26-28

EASTER LATE EVENING OFFICE

PREPARATION

Blessed be our God for all time, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Glory to you, our God, glory be to you,
Holy Spirit, Comforter,
treasure of all goodness and giver of life,
come and dwell in us,
cleanse us from all sin,
and in your love bring us to salvation.

**Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 23

1 The Lord | is my | shepherd; □
therefore | can I | lack | nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in | green | pastures □
and leads me be | side | still | waters.

3 He shall re | fresh my | soul □
and guide me in the paths of righteousness | for his | name's | sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will | fear no | evil; □
for you are with me;
your | rod and your | staff, they | comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of | those who | trouble me; □
you have anointed my head with oil | and my | cup shall be | full.
6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the | days of my | life, □
and I will dwell in the | house of the | Lord for | ever.
 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.

or a psalm or psalms as appointed

The following short lesson, or the appointed reading:

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
Colossians 3: 1-3

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
“I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.”

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSORY

PSALM

A READING

Acts 2: 16, 17

MEDITATION

A period of meditation on the reading follows.

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: □
your | word has | been ful|filled.

2 My own eyes have | seen the · sal|vation □
which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.

3 A light to re|veal you · to the | nations □
and the | glory · of your | people | Israel.

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.

and/or a hymn

PRAYER

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to the Lord with all our heart and with all our soul.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all Christian people, that they may live in love and truth.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all ministers of the Church, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, and for all governments.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for our neighbours and for all our friends.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for those who hate us as we pray for those who love us.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for refugees and prisoners, and for all who are exposed to the dangers of travel.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all sick people, for the sorrowful and the dying.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and that the poor and hungry may receive a just share.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us remember our brothers and sisters who have entered into eternal rest. **Blessed are the dead who die in the**

Lord.

SILENT OR OPEN PRAYER

Let us continue praying in silence

Silence is kept.

or

Let us continue praying in a time of open prayer.

A period of open prayer follows.

The leader brings either of these to an end saying

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

THE COLLECT

One of the following:

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

Almighty God,
by triumphing over the powers of darkness
Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem:
may we, who give thanks for his resurrection,
praise him in the eternal city
of which he is the light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 28

Almighty God,
you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection.
Give us also the joys of life in your service,
and bring us at last to the full joy of eternal life,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 28

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles calmed by your peace;
may all evil be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified in his risen life. **Amen.** 32

Almighty God,
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things.
Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 32

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.

COMMON COLLECT

Lord Almighty,
come and scatter the darkness of our hearts
by the light of your presence;
that we may know you the Light of the world
and the one true God,
blessed this night and for evermore. Amen.

THE ENDING

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

Part I: Before The Ascension Day

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love. **Amen.** A

Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost

May the Holy Spirit of God bless and sanctify us
so that we may be consecrated in the truth. **Amen.** A

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.