

**EASTER SEASON MORNING PRAYER**

## MORNING PRAYER: STRUCTURE

### MORNING PRAYER

A Sentence of Scripture

Versicles and Responses

A Psalm or Psalms *as appointed*

A Canticle

One or two Readings

The Gospel Canticle: *Benedictus*

The Apostles' Creed *may be said*

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 MORNING PRAYER READINGS 2020

### The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day

Monday April 13	Psalms 2; 110; 149 Exodus 12: 14-27 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Tuesday April 14	Psalms 63; 146 Exodus 12: 28-39 1 Corinthians 15: 12-28, (29)
Wednesday April 15	Psalms 57; 147: 13-21 Exodus 12: 40-51 1 Corinthians 15: 30-41
Thursday April 16	Psalms 30; 148 Exodus 13: 1-16 1 Corinthians 15: 41-50
Friday April 17	Psalms 29; 147: 1-12 Exodus 13: 17 - 14: 4 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58
Saturday April 18	Psalms 103; 150 Exodus 14: 5-22 2 Corinthians 4: 16 - 5: 10

### The Second Sunday of Easter

Monday April 20	Psalms 81 Exodus 14: 21-31 1 Peter 1: 1-12
Tuesday April 21	Psalms 135 Exodus 15: 1-21 1 Peter 1: 13-25
Wednesday April 22	Psalms 139 Exodus 15: 22 - 16: 10 1 Peter 2: 1-10
Thursday April 23	Psalms 33 Exodus 16: 10-22 1 Peter 2: 11-25
Friday April 24	Psalms 30 Exodus 16: 23-36 1 Peter 3: 13 - 4: 6
Saturday April 25	Psalms 118 Exodus 17: 1-16 1 Peter 4: 7-19

### The Third Sunday of Easter

Monday April 27	Psalms 115 Exodus 18: 1-27 1 Peter 5: 1-14
Tuesday April 28	Psalms 118 Exodus 19: 1-25 Colossians 1: 1-14

Wednesday April 29  
Psalm 103  
Exodus 20: 1-21  
Colossians 1: 15-23

Thursday April 30  
Psalm 139  
Exodus 24: 1-18  
Colossians 1: 24 - 2: 7

Friday May 1  
Psalms 113; 114  
Exodus 25: 1-22  
Colossians 2: 8-23

Saturday May 2  
Psalm 116  
Exodus 28: 1-5, 30-38  
Colossians 3: 1-17

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Monday May 4  
Psalm 135  
Exodus 32: 1-20  
Colossians 3: 18 - 4: 6, (7-18)

Tuesday May 5  
Psalm 33  
Exodus 32: 21-34  
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Wednesday May 6  
Psalm 105: 1-22  
Exodus 33: 1-23  
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

Thursday May 7  
Psalm 81  
Exodus 34: 1-17  
1 Thessalonians 2: 13-20

Friday May 8  
Psalm 107: 1-32  
Exodus 34: 18-35  
1 Thessalonians 3: 1-13

Saturday May 9  
Psalm 30  
Exodus 40: 18-38  
1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Monday May 11  
Psalm 66  
Leviticus 8: 1-13, 30-36  
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Tuesday May 12  
Psalm 103  
Leviticus 16: 1-19  
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Wednesday May 13  
Psalm 105: 23-45  
Leviticus 16: 20-34  
1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28

Thursday May 14  
Psalm 118  
Leviticus 19: 1-18  
2 Thessalonians 1

Friday May 15  
Psalm 107: 33-43  
Leviticus 19: 26-37  
2 Thessalonians 2

Saturday May 16  
Psalm 136  
Leviticus 23: 22-44  
2 Thessalonians 3

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Monday May 18  
Psalm 106: 1-23  
Leviticus 25: 1-17  
Colossians 1: 9-14

Tuesday May 19  
Psalm 78: 1-39  
Leviticus 25: 35-55  
2 Timothy 2: 1-16

Wednesday May 20  
Psalm 77  
Leviticus 26: 1-20, 27-42  
Ephesians 1: 1-10

**The Ascension Day May 21**  
Psalm 8  
Song of the Three 29-37 or 2 Kings 2: 1-15  
Revelation 5

Friday May 22  
Psalm 139  
1 Samuel 2: 1-10  
Ephesians 2: 1-10

Saturday May 23  
Psalm 34  
Numbers 11: 16-17, 24-29  
Ephesians 2: 11-22

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Monday May 25  
Psalm 18: 1-30  
Joshua 1: 1-9  
Ephesians 3: 1-13

Tuesday May 26  
Psalm 66  
1 Samuel 16: 1-13a  
Ephesians 3: 14-21

Wednesday May 27  
Psalm 29  
Isaiah 4: 2-6  
Ephesians 4: 1-16

Thursday May 28  
Psalm 144  
Zechariah 4: 1-14  
Ephesians 4: 17-32

Friday May 29  
Psalms 46; 76  
Jeremiah 31: 27-34  
Ephesians 5: 1-20

Saturday May 30  
Psalms 48; 87  
Ezekiel 36: 22-27  
Ephesians 6: 10-24

## EASTER MORNING PRAYER

### PREPARATION

#### *Part I: Before The Ascension Day*

The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!

### A SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

*Luke 24: 34*

#### *Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost*

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

*Hebrews 9: 24*

### VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*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.**

### A PSALM OR PSALMS

*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.

### A CANTICLE

#### *Part I: Before The Ascension Day*

**THE SONG OF MOSES AND MIRIAM** *Exodus 15: 1b-3, 6, 10, 13, 17*

*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 he has 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 is a warrior, □  
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 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: In your unfailing love, O Lord,  
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.*

*Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost*

**A SONG OF JUDITH** *Judith 16: 13-16*

*Refrain: You sent forth your Spirit, O God,  
and you continue to show mercy to all.*

- 1 I will sing a new song to my God, □  
for you are great and glorious,  
truly strong and invincible.
- 2 May your whole creation serve you, □  
for you spoke and all things came to be.
- 3 You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed, □  
for no one can resist your voice.
- 4 Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; □  
at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.
- 5 But to those who fear you, □  
you continue to show mercy.
- 6 No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, □  
but whoever fears the Lord  
shall stand in your sight 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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and you continue to show mercy to all.*

A READING OR READINGS

*One or two readings as appointed*

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE

**BENEDICTUS** *The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79*

*Part I: Before The Ascension Day*

*Refrain: Alleluia! The Lord is risen,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia!*

*Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost*

*Refrain: Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, everlasting doors,  
and the king of glory shall come in.*

- 1 Blessèd be the Lord the | God of | Israel, □  
who has come to his | people · and | set them | free.
- 2 The Lord has raised up for us a | mighty | saviour, □  
born of the | house of · his | servant | David.
- 3 Through the holy prophets God | promised · of | old □  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the | hands of | those who | hate us,
- 4 to show | mercy · to our | forebears, □



and to re|member · his | holy | covenant.  
5 This was the oath God swore to our | father | Abraham: □  
to set us | free · from the | hand of · our | enemies.  
6 Free to worship him with out | fear, □  
holy and righteous before him | all the | days of · our | life.  
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the | Most | High, □  
for you will go before the | Lord · to pre|pare his | way,  
8 To give his people knowledge | of sal|vation □  
by the for|giveness · of | all their | sins.  
9 In the tender compassion | of our | God □  
the dawn from on | high shall | break up|on 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 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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## 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.**

## PRAYER

*Kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

### *Part I: Before The Ascension Day*

God of life,  
we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son,  
his defeat over death, and his gift of new life.

### INTERCESSIONS

We praise you for the reflections of that new life  
in creation . . .  
in nations and governments around the world . . .  
in the ministry of the church universal . . .  
in our community as it . . .  
in the sacrifice of those who serve . . .  
in our new life in Christ . . .

### THANKSGIVINGS

To you as the giver of new life and renewed hope  
we bring our prayers  
for creation and its care . . .  
for the nations of the world . . .  
for our nation and its leaders . . .  
for this community and those who are in authority . . .  
for the church universal as it works on your behalf . . .  
for this local church in its ministry . . .  
for persons with particular needs . . .

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

**May we experience the new life of the Spirit  
and the fullness of joy  
telling others of the hope Christ brings  
for it is in his name we pray. Amen.**

### *Part II: The Ascension Day to The Day of Pentecost*

Jesus Christ, mediator and high priest,  
we thank you for becoming human and for experiencing  
the joys and sorrows of life, which assures us that you are able  
to sympathize and rejoice with us.

### INTERCESSIONS

As our mediator, you stand before God, petitioning him on our behalf,  
so we boldly bring before you our prayers for  
creation and its care . . .  
the nations of the world . . .  
our nation and its leaders . . .  
this community and those in authority . . .  
the church universal as it works on your behalf . . .  
this local church in its ministry . . .  
persons with particular needs. . . .

## THANKSGIVINGS

We praise you for the many joys of life  
for the beauty of creation, especially . . .  
for your work in this world . . .  
for the growth of your kingdom . . .  
for the greatest source of our happiness, the gift of eternal life . . .

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

**As your living stones  
may we become a holy priesthood  
offering our worship, praise and thanksgiving  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.